

EMERGENCY SHELTERING AND THE ROLE OF THE HOME CARE PROVIDERS

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How does Home Care fit into the world of emergency preparedness, disaster response, and sheltering?
How does it benefit you?



First Priority

BE PREPARED!!

- > Agency emergency response plan
- > Individual/family plans for you and your staff
- > Individual/family plans for your clients

- > Preparedness greatly increases your agency's chance of survival and quicker recovery.
- > Preparedness saves lives!!!

How do you prepare for any emergency?

- Create a plan for you, your family, and your business
- Prepare a kit for home, car, and work
- Listen for information about what to do and where to go during an actual emergency



All Plans Aren't the Same

- Specific checklists for:
 - Family Plan – general checklist
 - Individuals Receiving In-Home and Home Healthcare Services
 - Needs for Individuals on Oxygen
 - Needs for Individuals on Dialysis

Additional Resources

- MO DHSS Ready in 3 has many more resources <http://health.mo.gov/emergencies/readyin3/>
- University of Missouri Extension's Electronic Family Plan at <http://extension.missouri.edu/publications/DisplayPub.aspx?P=EMW1011>
- FEMA www.ready.gov

Functional and Access Needs

- Especially important to have a plan and specialize it to fit personal needs
- How will they inform you of their location if they have to leave their home?
- How will they continue to receive their oxygen, home services, meals, etc.?

No time to gather your information and supplies when this is coming.....get it all together in one place now!



Include:

- List of prescription and nonprescription medications and dosages
- List of allergies
- Extra eyeglasses and hearing aid batteries
- Extra wheelchair batteries or other special equipment
- A list of the brand, style, and serial numbers of medical devices
- Extra oxygen/oxygen concentrators

Include:

- Copies of medical insurance and Medicare cards
- A list of doctors
- A list of emergency contacts and family
- Telephone numbers of close neighbors who can help

Another Priority

- Be a partner at the local planning table!
- You can help with your knowledge and expertise
 - Assessing needs of persons with functional and access needs
 - You understand the equipment and staffing needs
 - Assist with determining an estimate of persons in your community with functional and access needs
 - Extraordinary circumstances

How does it help you??

- Provide better continuity of services
- Strengthen your ability to survive and thrive
- Strengthen your own plan
- Boost your business relations with community partners
- Create good will and community faith
- Possible funds reimbursement for services to non-clients if Presidentially declared disaster
- Continue providing services to current clients with insight into shelter locations and contacts

How do you get involved?

- Get connected by reaching out to one or more:
 - ❖ Local Emergency Planning Commission
 - ❖ Local Emergency Manager
 - ❖ Local Health Department Emergency Planner or Administrator
 - ❖ Local Mass Care Coordinator, Department of Social Services
 - ❖ Apply/Volunteer to become a FAST Team member in your community





Questions???



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