



KCER READY

To: ESRD Networks, Kidney Organizations, KCER Volunteers
From: Kidney Community Emergency Response (KCER) Coalition
Subject: National Preparedness Month & **KCER READY**
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September is National Preparedness Month. This initiative aims to increase the nation's level of preparedness. The Kidney Community Emergency Response Coalition (KCER) is a proud sponsor of NPM. To find out more about National Preparedness Month, visit www.ready.gov.

The **KCER READY** program is a self-assessment that can assist your facility or organization in completing necessary planning activities in order to provide the highest quality patient care. The actions you take can save lives and create a safer working environment for your staff and patients.

Being **KCER READY** means your facility or organization has taken the initiative to improve your disaster plans, patient education, staff education, and other critical areas of disaster preparedness and response. If you say YES to these questions, you are **KCER READY!**

- In the past year, has your facility/organization communicated with your local emergency management agency?
- Do you know about your local government's emergency or disaster plan for your community?
- Do you know how to find the emergency broadcasting channel on the radio or television?
- In the past six months, has your facility/organization provided education to patients on disaster preparedness?
- In the past six months, has your facility/organization provided education to staff on disaster preparedness?
- In the past six months, has your facility/organization reviewed and updated the disaster plans?
- In the last year, has your organization made a specific plan for how you and your staff would communicate with each other and with patients during an emergency situation?
- In the last year, have your facility's/organization's staff practiced in or drilled on what to do in an emergency in the facility?
- In the last year, has your facility/organization encouraged patients and staff to prepare a Disaster Supply Kit with emergency supplies like water, food and medicine that is kept in a designated place at home?
- In the last year, has your facility/organization encouraged your patients and staff to prepare a small kit with emergency supplies that you keep at home, in your car or where you work to take with you if you had to leave quickly?

ANSWER YES TO THESE TEN QUESTIONS & GET **KCER READY!**

Are you **KCER READY?** Print the following certificate!