



## **KCER - Kidney Community Emergency Response Coalition**

### **Communications Response Team Charter**

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The Kidney Community Emergency Response (KCER) Coalition is a national group of volunteers organized to ultimately assist CMS in meeting the goal to ensure the right care for every patient every time; and to promote the goals of the ESRD Network Program, including improving the quality and safety of dialysis-related services provided for individuals with end stage renal disease.

The goals of KCER are to:

- Raise public awareness of the critical needs of individuals with kidney failure and the providers who serve them, and the need to plan ahead to ensure that the life-saving dialysis services are available and obtainable in the event of an emergency and/or disaster;
- Promote and disseminate tools and resources so that these are available to individuals with kidney failure, dialysis facilities, and Federal, state, and emergency workers;
- Test and refine the national response strategy that has been put into place to assist Federal, state, and local efforts in the event of an emergency and/or disaster; and
- Plan for a possible flu pandemic.

In order to support this endeavor, the KCER currently has eight response teams to collaborate on comprehensive disaster plans.

The Communications Response Team:

- Establishes communications tools and channels in order to provide information to ESRD patients, their families, and the public about how to prepare for an emergency,
- Use these channels during an emergency to provide a mechanism for the Coalition and its Response Teams to disseminate alerts and information to those affected for coping with the emergency.

Response Teams will support KCER by performing these administrative duties:

- Meeting via teleconference every other month, or as needed and resources allow;
- Submitting meeting minutes for posting to the KCER website;
- Reviewing web materials and recommend documents for posting, to include changes, deletions or additions;

- Notifying FMQAI: The Florida ESRD Network of technical assistance support needed to conduct Response Team activities; and
- Submitting current team member contact information and updates as needed to FMQAI: The Florida ESRD Network (name, mobile/office telephone numbers, email address and alternate email address).

As a member of this Response Team, I will:

- Participate in at least one teleconference or meeting annually;
- Contribute to the Response Team’s activities through the Listserv;
- Volunteer for outreach activities, if possible;
- Uphold my own organization’s rules while volunteering for the KCER Coalition;
- Act responsibly and professionally;
- Keep my contact information current; and
- Notify my Response Team Leader if I am no longer able to volunteer for the KCER Coalition.

I have read this Charter and understand my roles and responsibilities as a member of this Response Team.

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Organization

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Signature

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Date