

# Are You Ready to ShakeOut?

Drills are an essential activity to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut is an excellent opportunity to improve earthquake readiness for facilities, staff and patients. A major earthquake could cause unprecedented devastation, as well as the disruption of life-sustaining dialysis services. The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut was developed to encourage citizens and businesses to prepare for major earthquakes, and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.



- The ShakeOut is a great opportunity for dialysis providers to conduct a mock drill and evaluate the effectiveness of their disaster plans, as required in the Conditions for Coverage. **Results of the drill should be reviewed and documented in your facility's Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) meetings.**
- Although the ShakeOut is scheduled to occur at 10:15 am CST on February 7, 2012, kidney dialysis affiliated participants are encouraged to conduct the drill anytime between February 7 & 8, 2012. This is to provide greater flexibility in scheduling the drill and to provide an opportunity for all shifts to participate. Please note that drill participants are not required to reside in the central or eastern regions of the country in order to participate. In fact, KCER encourages patients, providers, and Networks in all areas of the country to take part in this preparedness event.
- **To register, go to <http://www.shakeout.org/centralus/> and pledge your organization's participation in the drill.** Registered participants will receive information on how to plan their drill and how to create a dialogue with others about earthquake preparedness. **Also, KCER is requesting that drill participants register with KCER by sending an e-mail to [KCER@nw7.esrd.net](mailto:KCER@nw7.esrd.net).** Please include your organization name, a contact person and contact information.

Should you have questions or require additional support, please contact the Kidney Community Emergency Response (K CER) Coalition at 813-383-1530 (option 8) or [KCER@nw7.esrd.net](mailto:KCER@nw7.esrd.net).

Visit KCER at [www.kcercoalition.com](http://www.kcercoalition.com).

