



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

### **Patient Assistance 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 Patient Assistance Response Team:

- Develops and review materials related to educating kidney patients on emergency preparedness;
- Periodically reviews the educational documents to assure that they are up to date, useful, and available to the community;
- Identifies sources of financial assistance for kidney patients in the event of a disaster; and
- Promotes awareness of the resources available to kidney patients within the kidney community;

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