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Prescriptions for Hurricane Ike Evacuees

For Hurricane Ike evacuees from a declared disaster location who need prescriptions filled for medications or durable medical equipment):

Any evacuee who needs a prescription filled must have one of the following:

- A written prescription from a licensed health care provider
- A prescription phoned or faxed in from a licensed health care provider to a licensed pharmacy in Texas
- A current prescription bottle indicating a remaini<transferdata xmlns:a="DAV:">• Other proof of an existing prescription
- Note: prescriptions for Schedule II drugs (commonly referred to as narcotics) must be written and cannot be refilled.

If in a special medical needs or a general population shelter in Texas:

- Those with prescription insurance or other third-party coverage can receive at least a 7-day supply of the medication.
- The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will pay the co-pay amount for the prescription.
- The above prescriptions can be filled by HEB or Walgreens.
- Those eligible for the federal Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP) can receive a 30-day supply of any needed medications. There is no charge or co-pay to the eligible person. EPAP # is 1.866.935.4135.
- The EPAP-covered prescriptions can be filled at almost any pharmacy in Texas.
- The pharmacy is responsible for verifying eligibility for the EPAP program.
- The Shelter Manager or his/her designee is responsible for verifying shelter residence.

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If in the general population:

- Those eligible for the federal Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP) can receive a 30-day supply of any needed medications. There is no charge or co-pay to the eligible person.
- The EPAP-covered prescriptions can be filled at almost any pharmacy in Texas.
- The pharmacy is responsible for verifying eligibility for the EPAP program.

Eligibility for the Emergency Prescription Assistance Program:

- Must be from a county declared as a disaster area as a result of Hurricane Ike. A list of Hurricane Ike disaster-declared counties is available at: www.fema.gov/femaNews/disasterSearch.do
- Must have no prescription insurance coverage.

Other:

- A list of Hurricane Ike disaster-declared counties is available at: www.fema.gov/femaNews/disasterSearch.do
- EPAP is a joint program of the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- EPAP prescription service period: Sept. 12 through Sept. 22, 2008.
- DSHS prescription co-pay service period: Sept. 9 through Sept. 30, 2008.
- Evacuees in shelters should check with shelter staff for prescription assistance.

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