**NCCHCA Hurricane Digest**

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# Survey for Closures and Damages to Primary Care Sites in NC

Please fill out this survey regarding closures and/or damages to your sites as a result of Hurricane Dorian. We would like for Community Health Centers to fill it out for each day you are affected by the storm. This year, we’ve collaborated with NC DHHS and other primary care safety net organizations to use just one device to gather information, so you will only need to fill out one questionnaire. If you do not have reliable internet access, feel free to call any member of NCCHCA staff and they will fill it out for you. NCCHCA will report all information to HRSA/BPHC and as a result of this, you do not also need to report damages to your project officer.

**Closures and damages survey:** <https://ncruralhealth.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1ELTl3aUjUwB4tD>

# Statement from Homeland Security

[English statement here](https://www.dhs.gov/news/2019/08/30/dhs-statement-safety-and-enforcement-during-hurricane-dorian)  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) are concerned about the potential impact of Hurricane Dorian to portions of the East Coast.  Our highest priority remains the preservation of life and safety. In consideration of these circumstances, there will be no immigration enforcement initiatives associated with evacuations or sheltering related to the storm, except in the event of a serious public safety threat.

[Spanish Statement Here](https://www.dhs.gov/news/2019/08/30/declaraci-n-del-departamento-de-seguridad-nacional-de-los-estados-unidos-dhs-sobre)  
Al Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas de los Estados Unidos (ICE) y la Oficina de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza de los Estados Unidos (CBP) les preocupa el posible impacto del huracán Dorian en porciones de la Costa Este de EE.UU.  Nuestra principal prioridad sigue siendo la conservación de la vida y la seguridad. Teniendo en cuenta estas circunstancias, no habrá iniciativas de ejecución de la leyes de inmigración concernientes con las evacuaciones o los refugios relacionados con la tormenta, excepto en los casos donde exista un serio peligro para la seguridad pública.

From NC Health News:   
[Keep up with how Hurricane Dorian is affecting health in NC](https://www.northcarolinahealthnews.org/2019/09/05/how-hurricane-dorian-is-affecting-health-in-nc/)

# From NC DHHS

You may have received this already from NCCHCA; however, we want to make sure everyone gets all relevant information. Apologies for repetition.   
  
**People receiving Medicaid can fill prescriptions early.**

Effective September 3, Medicaid is allowing for [early refills of prescriptions](http://www.nctracks.nc.gov/content/public/providers/pharmacy/pharmacy-announcements/2019-Pharmacy-Announcements/NC-Medicaid-and-NC-Health-Choice-Beneficiaries-Can-Get-Emergency-Prescriptions---Hurricane-Dorian-Pharmacy-Provision.html). NC Medicaid enrolled pharmacy providers have been approved to fill these prescriptions early and will follow applicable co-pay requirements. This early refill is being allowed while the Governor’s State of Emergency order remains in place to ensure that all Medicaid beneficiaries have access to necessary medications.

**Medication assisted treatment is available.**

Individuals receiving medication assisted treatment from an opioid treatment program may take home additional doses for treatment or receive guest-dosing at another licensed opioid treatment program.  Other locations can be found in the [Central Registry.](https://thecentralregistry.com/map/)

**Shelter for medically fragile patients is open.**

A 50-bed State Medical Support Shelter (SMSS) for medically fragile patients is now open in Clayton. Individuals who need active monitoring, management or intervention from a medical professional to maintain their health must contact their county emergency management office to request placement in the SMSS.

**Behavioral health services are available.**

Anyone in need of or receiving behavioral health care who are uninsured or are a Medicaid beneficiary can access care by calling their regional behavioral health [Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/providers/lme-mco-directory) (LME/MCO). They can also call the [Disaster Distress Helpline](https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline) at 1-800-985-5990. It is available year-round, 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters.

**Shelters are accessible and supportive of those with behavioral illnesses or intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

DHHS is working with its partners so that shelters have, for example, calming rooms to support individuals with autism or other disabilities, when a congregant setting may not be conducive for their wellbeing.

**Department of Health and Human Services has launched a** [**Hurricane Dorian webpage**](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/disaster-preparation-and-recovery/hurricane-dorian-what-know) **with resources.**

# Americares offer of Assistance

The Americares Emergency Response team is able to provide shipments of medicine, including TDAP and Insulin, medical supplies, hygiene items, and other relief supplies as needs are identified. Please let us know what your facility needs in order to continue to provide care to the community after Hurricane Dorian has passed. If you are aware of other nonprofit clinics and health organizations that might be affected by the upcoming storm, please do not hesitate to pass this information on.  I have attached a post-disaster checklist with emergency repairs worksheet to assist you with your response.

Please send all requests for support to [amulberry@americares.org](mailto:amulberry@americares.org) and [emergency@americares.org](mailto:emergency@americares.org).