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Dear ESRD Provider:

We want to thank all dialysis facilities throughout Florida for the work you do to ensure the safety and well-being of your patients throughout the state. We are aware Hurricane Milton necessitated the temporary closure of dialysis facilities throughout the state. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) requirements included in the State Operations Manual (Section 2280) indicate for temporary closures of more than one day of operations (including disasters) dialysis facilities are required to submit water testing results performed after re-starting the water system to the state survey agency (AHCA). This documentation must include chemical analysis, cultures, and endotoxin levels.

To maintain ongoing openings of facilities in a timely manner, we are asking that all facilities that closed for over 24 hours due to Hurricane Milton, submit an attestation these water tests were completed and acceptable parameters were met prior to initiating patient treatments. Please send test results with the attestation. The information should be emailed to the local AHCA field office for the facility's location (see below) within five business days of re-opening or five business days of receipt of this notice (for facilities that have already re-opened). Below is a listing of the field office contacts for each potentially impacted county:

Aleta Garner (Aleta.Garner@ahca.myflorida.com)

Alachua, Bradford, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Lafayette, Lake, Levy, Marion, Putnam, Sumter, Suwannee and Union

Rob Dickson (Robert.Dickson@ahca.myflorida.com)

Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, St. Johns and Volusia

Fran Lima (Frances.Lima@ahca.myflorida.com)

Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk

Anita Joshi (Anita.Joshi@ahca.myflorida.com)

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Cyndy Brandt (Cynthia.Brandt@ahca.myflorida.com)

Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Monroe and Sarasota

Arlene Mayo-Davis (Arlene.Mayo-Davis@ahca.myflorida.com)

Broward, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, St. Lucie and Miami-Dade

Thank you for assisting with this request. I appreciate all that you do to ensure patient safety in the dialysis community.

Sincerely,

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