



TEEC Command Center Update



Emergency:

Hurricane Gustav Update

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Staffing Waiver Information

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Updates and Points of Interest:

For Staffing Waivers:

Please share this with your facilities. *From Glenda Harbert.*

This can be used to request a waiver on required medical records for treatment and staffing ratios. I recommend the following be included in the request and getting these in ASAP to your DSHS Austin Headquarters, send by email or fax to 512/834-6653 to Derek Jakovich and Pat Waldron.

- 1. Based on experiences from Katrina/Rita you are expecting evacuees that have no medical records. You will need to say that patients will be assessed and orders obtained from physician.**
- 2. Based on the mandatory evacuation of New Orleans commencing today, an unknown potentially high number of patients in need of dialysis as early as Monday, is expected.**
- 3. To prevent overwhelming Emergency Departments and acute dialysis programs, we need to treat all the stable out patients in the out patient setting, and this will require relaxation of staffing ratios.**
- 4. I expect you will need to make some proposals of the planned staff/pt and nurse to/pt ratio to get approval.**

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