

Hurricanes

Objective: Provide uninterrupted emergency care during the event of a hurricane.

Challenges: Hurricane watches and warnings are accompanied by closure of roadways/bridges. After the hurricane has passed roadways/bridges are often impassable secondary to damage and flooding.

Plan:

Hurricane Watch:

1. In the event of a hurricane watch the scheduling team will create two inclement weather teams; Team Storm and Team Recovery. The personnel on these teams should be selected from providers who are currently scheduled during their respective storm events:
 - a. Team Storm: Covers from the time period of approximately 12 hours prior to the storm striking until the storm has passed. This has traditionally been a 48 hour period. Please see attached staffing sheet for guidance.
 - b. Team Recovery: Will cover the time period immediately after the storm has passed. This staffing should be similar to business as usual. APC's will be used as available to augment surges.
2. Team Storm/Team Recovery rosters will be supplied to the medical directors of each site. All providers will be notified by the medical director of each site of their team status.
 - a. See attached personnel recommendation specific for each site.
3. All providers will be notified to continue normal operations until further notice by the medical directors of each site.

Hurricane Warning:

1. In the event that a hurricane warning has been issued Team Storm should report to their respective facility at a specific time specified by that facilities medical director.
 - a. Medical directors of facilities that close must work with the Director of Scheduling to reassign those providers to Team Storm or Team Recovery
2. Team Storm should come prepared with personal supplies to last at least 48 hours
3. Pay
 - a. All hours spent in the facility will be reimbursed
 - b. Anytime a provider leaves a facility they must sign out so hours in facility may be tracked.
 - i. A sign out sheet has been prepared and can be found on shiftadmin document tab.
 - c. All RVU based personnel will be reimbursed at a rate that is the average day rate for the group for all hours spent in the facility. This includes sleeping.

- d. All Hourly personnel will be reimbursed at the usual day rate for all hours in the facility. This includes sleeping.

All Clear:

1. Once it has been determined by federal and local government sources that the storm has passed Team Recovery will be activated at the soonest reasonable time. For instance if the all clear is issued at 3am Team recovery would be activated at 7am.
2. Team recovery will cover the approximately 24 hours following the storm during the transition to normal operations.
3. This 24 hour period will likely not be contiguous ie (sleeping in the hospital) however Team Recovery should be prepared for this contingent on the severity of the aftermath.