

# JOIN THE MOVEMENT

## Take the Pledge for Emergency Preparedness

People living in New England can experience different types of emergencies.

These situations can lead to increased emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and an increase in death rates. Dialysis patients are at an even greater risk than most of the population in the event of an emergency—especially if they are caught unprepared.

IPRO ESRD Network of New England and your facility staff invites you to join other dialysis patients throughout the area in pledging to have a strong “take-charge” approach in your own personal preparedness.

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLEDGE

- ✓ I pledge to speak with my facility's emergency coordinator about the emergency policies and procedures for my dialysis unit.
- ✓ I pledge to complete ALL of the emergency-related forms found in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' booklet, *Preparing for Emergencies: A Guide for People on Dialysis*.
- ✓ I pledge to have my own emergency preparedness kit at home.

In the event of an emergency, your active planning could be life-saving.

Please talk with your facility staff about how to join others in New England in preparing for emergencies.

If you have any questions or to file a grievance please contact us:

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