

Federal CMS Region IV Hurricane Irma Waiver Update (September 10)

(NO NEW WAIVER REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR HURRICANE IRMA SINCE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017.)

CMS Atlanta DS&C has received the waiver requests/inquiries outlined below.

- Blanket Waivers from Florida (FL) Hospital Association - **Approved(5)**
 - Request to treat medical/surgical patients in non-IPPS setting.
 - Request to waive the three-day prior stay for coverage of SNF services.
 - Request to waive timeframe requirements for OASIS.
 - Request to waive timeframe requirements for MDS.
 - Request to waive DME requirements.
- Blanket waivers from Florida (FL) Hospital Association – **In Approval Process (9)**
 - Request to waive conditions of participation for all providers/suppliers.
 - Request to waive licensure requirements – (Referred to FL SSA).
 - Request to waive certain EMTALA requirements.
 - Request to waive limitations on physician referrals.
 - Request to waive Medicare Advantage out of network limitations.
 - Request to waive certain critical access hospital requirements.
 - Request for temporary suspension of audit/medical review activities.
 - Request for temporary suspension of survey enforcement timelines/plans of correction.
 - Request for temporary suspension of quality reporting timelines.
- Other Waivers (5)
 - Request to provide DME services to South Florida beneficiaries – Blanket waiver approved.
 - Request from SC CAH to accept patients from other facilities due to Hurricane Irma – Referred requestor to CMS Emergency site and informed requestor that the two conditions required for waiver authority have not been met yet.
 - Request from SC SNF to waive the SC Governor’s order to evacuate – Referred requestor to the CMS Emergency site and SC Emergency Management Agency.
 - Request from DMEPOS biller – Withdrew request as there is blanket waiver for TX and LA.
 - Alabama (AL) State Survey Agency inquired if AL nursing homes receiving FL nursing home patients would be

covered by any FL nursing home waivers/disaster declarations – Responded “no”.

- Other Issues -EMTALA/ ESRD Facilities (5)

- Extended termination dates for two (2) FL hospitals scheduled for termination due to EMTALA violations.

- Requests from three (3) FL ESRD facilities requesting special consideration for initial survey or added stations.

- Additional stations requests in approval process.