

## **DOH Support for Persons Impacted By Hurricane Michael**

For persons in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Taylor, Washington, and Wakulla counties affected by Hurricane Michael, the Bureau of Vital Statistics waives fees for Florida vital records, this includes birth certificates.

FEMA has approved Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) in Bay, Gulf, and Jackson counties. TSA provides FEMA funded short term lodging in hotels and motels (and rentals in Bay) for eligible disaster survivors who are unable to return home for an extended period due to disaster-related damages or inaccessibility of their communities. FEMA is notifying eligible families of their sheltering options under TSA.

Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP) at no cost to uninsured patients, those needing certain prescription medications during an emergency can obtain a 30-day supply at any EPAP participating pharmacy through Nov.15.

Emergency Medication Refills: Florida pharmacists may dispense up to a 30-day refill of maintenance medication for patients in the areas or counties affected by an emergency declaration or hurricane warning (2018 Florida Statute 465.0275). Early prescription refill provisions are in effect.

Pharmacy Help: Florida Department of Health Emergency Order (EO) 18-276 suspends the operation of certain statutes and rules governing pharmacies in response to Hurricane Michael. The EO allows pharmacies to operate a mobile pharmacy unit in the affected counties: Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Wakulla. The EO also allows nonFlorida pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians to assist in recovery efforts. For more information go to <http://www.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/2018/10/100818-fdoh-emergency-order-michael.html>.