## Surviving a Disaster—What To Do



We are prepared to provide dialysis for you when the weather is bad, if there is an earthquake, flood, heavy snow, or other emergency—

#### Who to call

- · Call your dialysis center
  - If you think it might be closed
  - If you are late or are experiencing transportation problems
    - We will do our best to help you get your scheduled treatment

_	Your center:	
_	Center phone:	

- Call your transportation provider if you plan to use other transportation or are making changes
  - Hold times will likely be longer than usual

### Keep up-to-date

- Check the NKC website for current status of NKC operations: www.nwkidney.org
- Tune to local news for area weather, road conditions or disaster updates

#### If you can't get to dialysis

- Refer to your Emergency Diet Meal Planning handout
- Start your emergency diet right away
  - You need dialysis to live; the emergency diet will keep you alive for only a few days without dialysis
- Get help to get to dialysis as soon as you can
  - Missing one dialysis treatment can be dangerous to your health

# If you must go to an emergency shelter

 Tell the shelter staff right away that you are a dialysis patient with special medical and diet needs

### If you leave your home, take with you:

- Medication and medication list
- Phone numbers for your doctors
- Dialysis center contact information
- Information to reach friends and relatives, including those who live out of the area

