

Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP)

Ike Activation – Revised 10/31/2008

The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP), a joint program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Health and Human Services, provides an efficient way for pharmacies to process claims for prescription medications and limited durable medical equipment (DME) provided to individuals who are from a disaster area declared by the President and who do not have any form of health insurance coverage. Claims for individuals with private insurance, such as an individual health insurance policy or employer-sponsored coverage, public insurance, such as Medicare, Medicaid, or other third party coverage, are not eligible for payment under the EPAP.

Eligible individuals may be provided essential pharmaceutical and DME written prescription assistance limited to a one-time 30-day supply for a medication to treat an acute condition, to replace maintenance prescription drugs or medical equipment lost as a direct result of Hurricane Ike or as a secondary result of loss or damage caused while in transit from the emergency site to the designated shelter facility at no cost to the patient. Eligible individuals are not permitted to receive refills under this program. Contract pharmacies must check for other forms of health insurance coverage at the point of sale to assist in the determination of eligibility.

Extension of Coverage for Two Counties of Texas

This notice documents an extension of assistance limited to residents of two Texas counties because of the continuing humanitarian need.

For Bexar and Galveston counties, claims with a date of service between 9/12/08 and 11/15/08 are eligible for processing under the EPAP-Ike extended Activation.

For all other covered Texas counties, only claims with a date of service between 9/12/08 and 10/31/08 are eligible for processing under the existing EPAP-Ike Activation. Processing for all eligible claims from other covered Texas counties will expire on 11/30/08 11:59 PM EST.

Eligible individuals must have a new prescription from a licensed health care practitioner, a current prescription bottle, a prescription phoned in by a licensed health care practitioner or proof of an existing prescription in order to receive a prescription fill and/or limited durable medical equipment (e.g. canes, walkers, wheelchairs and diabetic supplies*). Contract pharmacies must dispense the generic form of medication unless otherwise indicated as Brand Medically Necessary (BMN) by the licensed health care practitioner. To submit a prescription for EPAP coverage, pharmacies should include the following information:

- ◆ The Bin number for claim submission is **004410**.
- ◆ The Processor Control Number (PCN) for submission is **EPAP**.
- ◆ The **Plan ID** for submission is **HURIKE08**;
- ◆ The **Group ID** for submission is **HURIKE08**.
- ◆ **Member ID** - Pharmacist to enter the Member ID, please use the following:
 - Beneficiary's First Initial from First Name +
 - First Initial from Last Name +
 - Year (YYYY) of Date of Birth +
 - Month (MM) of Date of Birth +

- Day (DD) of Date of Birth

(Example: The Member ID for John Smith born October 4th, 1966 should be entered as JS19661004.)

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| ◆ First Name | ◆ Address |
| ◆ Last Name | ◆ City |
| ◆ Gender | ◆ State |
| ◆ Date of Birth | ◆ Zip |

Revision of EPAP Affected Areas

Geographic eligibility for the EPAP – Ike program will be reduced after October 31, 2008.

Residents of the following counties in Texas will continue to be eligible for assistance by this EPAP event through November 15, 2008:

Bexar and Galveston.

Residents of the following Texas counties will not be eligible for assistance after 11:59 PM, October 31, 2008 for new claims:

Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Austin, Bee, Bell, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Collin, Colorado, Comal, Dallas, Denton, DeWitt, El Paso, Ellis, Fort Bend, Franklin, Goliad, Grayson, Gregg, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hopkins, Hunt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Kaufman, Lamar, Lavaca, Liberty, Lubbock, Matagorda, McLennan, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Parker, Polk, Potter, Randall, Refugio, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Starr, Tarrant, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Williamson, Wise, and Wood.

Please note that the areas are subject to change and **updates** by FEMA of States and Counties affected by Ike **can be found on the FEMA website under Emergency Declarations on <http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema#sev1>** or thru additional communications from Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. (ACS).

If you have questions regarding the EPAP eligibility, covered drugs and durable medical equipment, claim submission, whether you are an eligible pharmacy provider or if pharmacies would like to inquire how to become a contract provider for EPAP, please contact the **EPAP help line at 1-866-935-4135 for more information.*