

Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP) Ike Activation

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 an affected 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. Contract pharmacies must check for other forms of health insurance coverage at the point of sale to assist in the determination of eligibility. **Only claims with a date of service between September 12, 2008 and September 22, 2008 are eligible for processing under the EPAP-Ike Activation.**

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.)*
- ◆ **First Name**
- ◆ **Last Name**
- ◆ **Gender**
- ◆ **Date of Birth**
- ◆ **Address**
- ◆ **City**
- ◆ **State**
- ◆ **Zip**

Please note that the areas are subject to change. Updates by FEMA of States and Counties affected by Ike and eligible for EPAP coverage may be provided thru additional communications from Affiliated Computer Services, Inc. (ACS).

EPAP Affected Areas

Eligibility for the EPAP – Ike Activation is limited to individuals who meet the criteria above and are a resident of the following counties in Texas:

Aransas, Bexar, Brazoria, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Cherokee, Collin, Comal, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Hidalgo, Hunt, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Kaufman, Liberty, Lubbock, Matagorda, Navarro, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Patricio, Smith, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wharton, Willacy, and Wood

If pharmacies or affected individuals 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.*