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Dear ESRD Provider:

We want to thank all dialysis facilities throughout Florida for the work you do to ensure the safety and well-being of your patients throughout the state. We are aware Hurricane Helene necessitated the temporary closure of dialysis facilities throughout the state. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) requirements included in Chapter two of the State Operations Manual for state survey agencies (SA) required that prior to reopening, facilities must submit to the SA (AHCA) a description of any changes or modifications to the facility which occurred during the closure (such as line replacements) and results of product water quality testing performed after the restart of the water treatment system. This documentation must include chemical analysis, cultures, and endotoxin levels.

To maintain ongoing openings of facilities in a timely manner, we are asking that all facilities that closed for over 24 hours due to Hurricane Helene, submit an attestation these water tests were completed and acceptable parameters were met prior to initiating patient treatments. Please send these test results with the attestation. The information should be emailed to the local AHCA field office for the facility's location (see below) within three business days of re-opening or three business days of receipt of this notice (for facilities that have already re-opened).

Below is a listing of the field office contacts for each impacted county:

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Thank you for assisting with this request. I appreciate all that you do to ensure patient safety in the dialysis community.

Sincerely,

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