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Disaster Preparedness For Those With Special Needs REGISTRATION

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Disasters include hurricanes, floods, fires, chemical accidents, acts of terrorism, or other catastrophic events. All of which could result in electrical power loss and may cause problems for residents with special needs.

Disasters or emergency situations may:

- Require you or the person you care for to vacate your home or living quarters.
- Prevent you from obtaining the water, food, and medication you need.
- Prevent you from obtaining the electrical power you require for dialysis or oxygen.
- Interfere with other home health care you may require.
- Increase episodes of illness that cause you to need medication for stress and anxiety.

If you have special needs or are caring for someone with special needs, it is important to think about preparing for a disaster well in advance. Think about what your special needs will be should you be involved in a disaster.

What do we mean by special needs:

- Do you, or someone you take care of, require special medication in times of turmoil?
- Do you, or someone you take care of, require oxygen, tube feeding, dialysis, or other life sustaining equipment?
- If you have to evacuate will you need a wheelchair, walker, a special bed, or special toilet items?
- If you have to evacuate, will you need transportation?
- If you have to evacuate, will you require a special needs shelter?

You do not need to be in a state of turmoil when disaster strikes. Calmness and confidence can be yours when you properly prepare yourself ahead of time. **You can take charge of your situation by registering with the Tabernacle Office of Emergency Management** in order for us to know who you are, where you live and how we can assist you.

Make sure you explain your special needs clearly when registering, since dialysis, respirators, etc. may require very special accommodations while oxygen may be offered at several Special Needs Shelters. If your special needs require that you go to a hospital, consult with your physician about the need for a signed letter. NOTE: Medicare will only pay for hospitalization claims that are deemed medically necessary and therefore arrangements must be made in advance.

So, take control and fill out the form on the back of this letter and

Mail to or Drop off at: Tabernacle Township, Attn: William Lowe, 163 Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088

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