



SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

SOUTH CAROLINA AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

In the event of an evacuation, flood, extended power outage, or other emergency, please remember to do the following:

AHEAD OF TIME, PREPARE:

- Keep your prescriptions up to date
- Refill your medications as early as possible
- Ask your doctor for a copy of your current labs and an extra paper copy of all your prescriptions
- Prepare a list of important phone numbers:
 - SC DAP: 1-888-835-2040
 - SC DAP emergency line if state office are shut down: 1-803-363-9065
 - Your doctor's office
 - Your case manager
 - Your pharmacy
- Visit <https://www.sgrxhealth.com/drugassistanceprograms/SCDAP/> to see a list of SC Drug Assistance Program network pharmacies and print it if you can
- In the event of inclement weather, contact your case manager for updated emergency preparedness information

WHEN YOU EVACUATE, TAKE:

- All your medications in their original bottles (with labels attached)
- An extra paper copy of all your prescriptions
- Copies of your medical information
- Important phone number list
- Picture identification, Social Security card, and any important legal papers
- Doctor & clinic name & contact information
- SGRX card and insurance card if you have one
- Medical equipment and devices (such as dentures, crutches, prostheses, nebulizers, glucometers & strips)
- Water and non-perishable food
- Clothes, sleeping supplies, personal hygiene items, maps, cash
- Your family members and pets

PHARMACY ISSUES

If you can't get to your usual pharmacy or if your usual pharmacy is closed, and you are:

Uninsured: You can have CVS Pharmacy Specialty Services #2923, located in Columbia, SC, mail your prescriptions to a temporary address or have them ship to a local CVS Pharmacy for you to retrieve.

To order medications, DDP enrollee's need to call 1-800-619-2531.

Insured: You can take your SGRX card, insurance card, and a copy of your prescription to any pharmacy that is in both the SGRX - SC DAP network and your insurance company's network.

You can see your insurance company's pharmacy network by going to their website or calling the number on the back of your insurance card. You can see SGRX - SC DAP pharmacy network on <https://www.sgrxhealth.com/drugassistanceprograms/SCDAP/>. Because you may not have internet access during an emergency, it is advisable to print or write down the information for several pharmacies in the area where you plan to be.

In an emergency situation only, SC DAP will authorize medications to be mailed out of state.

TIPS:

- If your HIV medications are running out, do not skip doses to stretch them out. Get refills as soon as possible.
- If you run out of one of your HIV medications, it is strongly advised to stop taking all your HIV medications at the same time, rather than continuing to take only the pills you still have. Taking an incomplete regimen can lead to drug resistance, making your treatment less effective and potentially limiting future treatment options.
- Do not stop taking other medications for other medical conditions unrelated to your HIV infection. Seek refills from a local provider or pharmacy.

OTHER STATE ADAP'S:

If you evacuate outside South Carolina and need long-term assistance (example: you do not plan to return to South Carolina), contact the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program for medication and case management assistance.

* Georgia: 404-656-9805

* Alabama: 1-866-574-9964

* North Carolina: 1-877-466-2232

* Florida: 850-245-4422

* Tennessee: 1-800-525-2437

* Louisiana: 225-424-1799

Remember, your agency, clinic or medical home may be temporarily closed after a major emergency. Be patient, persistent and understanding when contacting agencies. It takes time to return to 'business as usual.'