Priority Services Checklist

A **Priority Services Checklist** is provided to support and identify future planning required via assessment of current program capabilities as it relates to priority of patient groups and clinical services in the event of an emergency. The need to differentiate between the type and level of clinical service provided in the event of an emergency, identify priority patient groups, and define triage and screening processes is required in the development of effective response plans.

Key Areas to Consider

Priority Patient Types	Yes	No	Action Required
Does your existing emergency plan have established criteria to prioritize patient types based upon presenting health status in the event of an emergency?			
Tip: See Reference Information (R2) Priority Patient Groups for more information.			
Priority Clinical Services	Yes	No	Action Required
Does your program have a list of all CKD Renal Program Services?			
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Priority Clinical Services (Cont'd.)	Yes	No	Action Required
Does your program have a detailed list of all non-essential services which <i>may</i> be maintained and delivered to CKD patients in the event of an emergency?			
Has your program incorporated essential and non-essential clinical services and prioritized patient types into all other aspects of your existing emergency management plan?			
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Triage & Screening	Yes	No	Action Required
Do you have a designated CKD			
Program Triage Officer (physician or advanced practice nurse) to oversee triage/screening operations of CKD in the event of an emergency?			
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Triage & Screening (Cont'd.)	Yes	No	Action Required
Do you have a clinical area(s) within your CKD Program or facility identified for use for triage and screening in the event of an emergency?			
Do you have an alternative clinical area(s) within your program or facility identified for use for triage and screening in the event of an emergency?			
Does your program have defined CKD surge demand (patient volumes) which trigger activation of alternative triage support in the event of an emergency?			
Do you have established triage protocols for CKD patients in the event of an emergency in order to optimize accuracy of the triage process?			
Do you have standardized screening tools in place for screening patients during triage? (i.e. Febrile Respiratory Illness - FRI)			
Does your program have standardized triage and screening documentation tools developed for use in the event of an emergency?			
Has your program considered how a CKD triage and screening process may impact other areas of your hospital or facility?			

Triage & Screening (Cont'd.)	Yes	No	Action Required
Has your program identified how essential information on the imminent increased demand on CKD resources will be received in order to initiate a triage and screening process in an emergency situation?			
Has your program considered the ethical issues related to developing an emergency triage and screening process for CKD patients in the event of an emergency?			

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