DaVita Advises Dialysis Patients to Prepare for Atlantic Hurricane Season

Dialysis Provider Offers Resources for Possible Weather-Related Emergencies

DENVER--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 1, 2012-- DaVita Inc. (NYSE: DVA), a leading provider of kidney care services that is committed to improving the quality of life for those diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD), today announced important emergency preparedness information and resources for dialysis patients during the upcoming Atlantic hurricane season, which officially starts June 1.

On average, more than six hurricanes occur during a typical Atlantic hurricane season. The somewhat unpredictable nature of hurricanes can put dialysis patients, who require treatments at least three times per week, at a heightened risk by causing clinic and road closures.

In order to prepare for the unexpected, DaVita® recommends dialysis patients create an emergency kit that includes:

- Emergency phone numbers for their doctors and dialysis center, as well as contact information for a nearby dialysis center
- At least three days' worth of medications, as well as a list of the dosage amounts
- If diabetic, a week's worth of supplies (syringes, insulin, alcohol wipes, glucose monitoring strips, etc.)
- Access to clean water, food, a can opener, first aid supplies, and a battery-operated flashlight and radio

"Unfortunately we can't be there if a weather-related emergency happens while a patient is at home," said Tom Bradsell, facility administrator at DaVita and head of DaVita's emergency response team, DaVERT. "That's why, as caregivers, we take important measures to help ensure our patients have the tools they need to be educated and prepared should a hurricane-related emergency occur."

Visit DaVita.com to see the full three-day emergency diet and additional emergency preparedness information, including:

- Emergency preparedness for people with kidney disease
- Preparing for the unexpected with home dialysis
- Diabetes Emergency Plan

For additional questions, or for assistance during a weather-related event, call DaVita Guest Services at 1-800-400-8331.

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About DaVita

DaVita Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, delivering dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVitastrives to improve patients' quality of life by innovating clinical care, and by offering integrated treatment plans, personalized care teams and convenient health-management services. As of March 31, 2012, DaVita operated or provided administrative services at 1,841 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 145,000 patients. The company also operated 15 outpatient dialysis centers located in three countries outside the United States. DaVita supports numerous programs dedicated to creating positive, sustainable change in communities around the world. The company's leadership development initiatives and social responsibility efforts have been recognized by Fortune, Modern Healthcare, Newsweek and WorldBlu. For more information, please visit http://www.davita.com.

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