Medical Needs

Emergency Power Planning for People Who Use Electricity and Battery Dependent Assistive Technology and Medical Devices (June Isaacson Kailes)
An emergency power planning checklist for people who use electricity and battery dependent assistive technology and medical devices.

Emergency Information Form for Children with Special Health Care Needs
This document helps to assure prompt and appropriate care for children with special health care needs. The EIF will ensure that a child’s complicated medical history is concisely summarized and available when needed most.

Health and Disability 101 Training for Health Department Employees
This online training provides foundational knowledge about people with disabilities, the health disparities that they experience, and how local health department staff can include people with disabilities in their public health programs and services.

HHS – Access and Functional Needs Technical Resources
The resources in this US Dept. of Health & Human Services Topic Collection highlight recent case studies, lessons learned, and promising practices for working with individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs.

CDC – Resources from State Disability and Health Programs
CDC-funded State Disability & Health Programs resources for public health professionals, emergency personnel and communities to use to create emergency preparedness and response plans that are inclusive of people with disabilities.

US Dept. of Health & Human Services – HHS emPOWER Map 3.0
This HHS emPOWER Map is updated monthly to display the total number of at-risk electricity-dependent Medicare beneficiaries in a geographic area, down to the ZIP Code.

ASPR-TRACIE – Durable Medical Equipment in Disaster
This fact sheet provides information on general DME categories and focuses on electricity-dependent DME that may be affected by disasters and emergencies, including power failures.

HHS – Disaster Response for Homeless Individuals and Families: A Trauma-Informed Approach
A trauma-informed approach to disaster response acknowledges past trauma and the current impact it may have on the lives of anyone receiving services or support.

USFDA – Information Regarding Insulin Storage and Switching Between Products in an Emergency
Safety information on insulin storage and effectiveness and its availability to patients in an emergency.
This document defines *surge capacity* and *surge capability* in terms of facilities and equipment needed to care for vulnerable populations with special health care needs during disasters.

“At-risk individuals,” “vulnerable populations,” and “special-needs populations” are terms used to characterize groups whose needs are not fully addressed by traditional health and social service providers. This document addresses preparedness needs for people with special healthcare needs.

This toolkit distills the most relevant strategies, practices and resources from a variety of sources, including peer-reviewed research, government reports, and the trade literature, to identify priority populations and critical strategies.

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services resource links to guides on people with chronic medical conditions, to include:

- Emergency Prescription Assistance Program Fact Sheets
- Disaster Information for People with Chronic Conditions and Disabilities
- Disaster Preparedness for Persons with Chronic Disease
- Emergency Management of Bariatric Patients