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Natural Disaster Updates for Iowa, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wisconsin

This article is to notify all providers caring for members affected by the natural disasters throughout the country that certain counties have been declared either a state of emergency or a federal disaster. A previous article was posted; we have received further information adding counties and states as well as updated time periods. The following counties have been impacted as indicated:

**State of Emergency Declared:**

**New York**
- Counties impacted: Broome, Chenango, Clinton, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Tioga, Schoharie, St. Lawrence and Warren during the time period of 06/28/2013 through 07/27/2013.

**Wisconsin**
- Counties impacted: Ashland, Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Richland, St. Croix, and Vernon during the time period of 06/26/2013 through 07/25/2013.

**Federal Disaster Declared:**

**Vermont**
- Severe Storms/Floods – declared 08/02/2013
  - Counties impacted: Caledonia, Chittenden, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, and Windsor during the time period 06/25/2013 through 08/31/2013.
- Storm/Floods – declared 06/13/2013
  - Counties impacted: Chittenden, Essex, and Lamoille during the time period 05/22/2013 through 07/12/2013.

**Iowa**
- Severe Storms/Tornadoes and Flooding – declared 07/31/2013
  - Counties impacted: Allamakee, Benton, Buchanan, Butler, Cedar, Clayton, Delaware, Howard, Jones and Winneshiek during the time period of 06/21/13 through 08/29/2013.
- Severe Storms/Tornadoes and Flooding – declared 07/02/2013
  - Counties impacted: Appanoose, Benton, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Clay, Clayton, Crawford, Davis, Delaware, Des Moines, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Grundy,

- Storms/Floods – declared 05/31/2013
  - Counties impacted: Appanoose, Cedar, Clinton, Davis, Decatur, Des Moines, Iowa, Johnson, Keokuk, Lee, Lucas, Marion, Monroe, Muscatine, Ringgold, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, and Wayne during the time period of 05/31/2013 through 06/29/2013.

New York
- Counties impacted: Allegany, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Franklin, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Otsego, and Warren during the time period of 06/26/2013 through 08/10/2013.

North Dakota
- Severe Storms/Flooding – declared 07/12/2013
  - Counties impacted: Benson, Bottineau, Cavalier, Dunn, Kidder, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Mountrail, Nelson, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Sheridan, Stark, Towner, Walsh, Ward, and Wells and the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indian Reservation during the time period 05/17/2013 through 08/10/2013.

- Flooding – declared 05/29/2013

- Flooding – declared 04/26/2013
  - Counties impacted: Cass, Grand Forks, Pembina, Richland, Trail, and Walsh during the time period 04/22/2013 through 05/25/2013.

South Dakota
- Severe Storms, Tornado and Flooding – declared 08/02/2013
  - Counties impacted: Beadle, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Hughes, and Kingsbury during the time period 06/19/2013 through 08/31/2013.

- Severe Storms, Tornado, and Flooding – declared 07/03/2013
  - Counties impacted: Bennett, Corson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Union and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation within Bennett County during the time period 06/28/2013 through 07/27/2013.
• Severe Storms, Flooding and Mudslides – declared 08/08/2013
  o Counties impacted: Ashland, Bayfield, and Douglas and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa during the time period 06/20/2013 through 09/26/2013.

Throughout the counties, all providers caring for affected members will be considered “in-network” providers. The replacement of medical equipment or supplies will also be approved during this time. All services that require pre-certification must still be approved prior to the service being preformed.

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