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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring the establishment of emergency plans and  
2 procedures for dialysis patients.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.20 DIALYSIS PATIENTS --  
2 EMERGENCY PLANS AND PROCEDURES.

3 1. A dialysis agency shall establish written plans and  
4 procedures designed to protect the safety of its patients  
5 undergoing dialysis treatment and faced with a fire, natural  
6 disaster, or medical emergency requiring immediate action.  
7 For purposes of this section, "dialysis agency" means an  
8 individual or entity performing dialysis treatment in a home,  
9 medical, or any other setting.

10 2. The plans and procedures established shall be  
11 individualized for each dialysis patient, and shall include,  
12 at a minimum, an evacuation plan from the dialysis agency's  
13 building or patient's home, emergency contact information for  
14 each patient, and the procedure for disconnecting each  
15 patient's dialysis equipment in the event of an emergency. A  
16 dialysis agency shall familiarize its employees and patients  
17 with the individualized plans and procedures.

18 3. In the event of a medical emergency, a dialysis agency  
19 shall contact the physician specified in a patient's  
20 individualized plans and procedures, and follow the  
21 physician's instructions. If the patient's physician is not  
22 available and no other physician is available who has been  
23 designated as a substitute contact, the dialysis agency shall  
24 contact the nearest hospital emergency room or clinic and seek  
25 instruction regarding the patient's care.

26 4. The department shall develop sample forms for  
27 utilization by a dialysis agency in establishing the plans and  
28 procedures, and shall formulate a plan for distributing  
29 information regarding the requirements of this section.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill provides for the establishment of emergency plans  
32 and procedures for dialysis patients.

33 The bill provides that a dialysis agency shall establish  
34 written plans and procedures designed to protect the safety of  
35 patients undergoing dialysis treatment and faced with a fire,

1 natural disaster, or medical emergency requiring immediate  
2 action. The bill defines a dialysis agency to refer to an  
3 individual or entity performing dialysis treatment in a home,  
4 medical, or any other setting. The bill provides that the  
5 plans and procedures established shall be individualized for  
6 each dialysis patient, and shall include at a minimum an  
7 evacuation plan, emergency contact information, and equipment  
8 disconnection procedures.

9 The bill provides that in the event of a medical emergency,  
10 a dialysis agency shall contact the physician specified in a  
11 patient's individualized plans and procedures, an alternative  
12 physician, or a nearby hospital emergency room or clinic for  
13 instruction regarding the patient's care.

14 The bill provides that the Iowa department of public health  
15 shall develop sample forms for utilization by a dialysis  
16 agency in establishing the plans and procedures, and shall  
17 formulate a plan for distributing information regarding these  
18 requirements.

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