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MEDICAL PRESCRIPTION INFORMATION FOR EVACUEES

During disaster and emergency events such as the recent wildfires, it is important for everyone to prepare for evacuation and to have a medical plan. Those with medical conditions should continue taking prescribed medications.

If your household members are evacuated and do not have access to your prescription medications, notify your health care provider immediately and if necessary, your health insurance plan for assistance in accessing prescriptions.

During a declared emergency, impacted individuals can get prescription refills even if it is too early to refill. Some options for getting refills include the following:

1. Contact your local pharmacy where you typically refill prescriptions. Many pharmacies have branch locations that can refill prescribed medications in alternative locations outside the impacted area.
2. If you are not able to get your usual network pharmacy to replace your prescriptions, contact your health insurance prescription drug plan which is typically on the back of your insurance card to ask for an extended supply during this local emergency.

Any evacuees needing prescription medications and who are unable to fill them via their health care provider or pharmacy should call OC Public Information Hotline at 714-628-7085. Hotline staff will ask for callers to provide their name and telephone number. County personnel will screen and process requests and will respond to callers at the telephone number provided.

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