



TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED **New Applications Needed for Special Medical Needs Shelters**

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – A *Continuing Series*

- **THERE IS A CHANGE IN MEDICAL PROVIDER AT THE SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS SHELTERS AND NEW APPLICATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2010 HURRICANE SEASON.**

Effective June 1, 2010, medical services provided in the Special Medical Needs Shelters during a disaster or other emergency will be transitioned from the Broward County Human Services Department to the Broward County Health Department. This results in a change in medical provider to the Health Department, and therefore a new application from all current registrants is needed. All applications will be evaluated using the Florida Department of Health eligibility criteria.

If you are currently registered in the Special Medical Needs Registry, you should have received an application and letter of instruction from the Broward County Health Department. The application needs to be completed with the assistance and approval of your physician. Applications are also available online by visiting www.broward.org/atrisk, click **MEDICAL NEEDS** and select **SHELTER AND TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**.

Completed applications should be returned to:
Broward County Human Services Department
115 S. Andrews Ave., Room 303
Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301

Because the change takes effect for the current hurricane season, which began June 1, residents are encouraged to take immediate action to submit an updated application. Questions? Call Broward County Human Services Department at 954-357-6385 (TTY 954-357-5608 for the hearing-impaired).

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