

## **Exceptions for Hurricane Florence**

CMS is granting exceptions for IQR-eligible hospitals located in areas affected by Hurricane Florence, due to the devastating impact of the storm. These providers will be granted exceptions without having to submit an Extraordinary Circumstances Exception (ECE) request if they are located in one of the counties designated by the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) as a major disaster area. The scope and duration of the exception for Hurricane Florence is described in the [ListServe communication dated October 11, 2018](#).

The affected counties designated by FEMA under the North Carolina Hurricane Florence ([DR-4393](#)), South Carolina Hurricane Florence ([DR-4394](#)), and Virginia Hurricane Florence ([DR-4401](#)) Major Disaster Declarations, as of the date of this communication, are as follows:

North Carolina Counties		South Carolina Counties	Virginia Counties
• Alleghany	• Lee	• Berkeley	• Henry
• Anson	• Lenoir	• Calhoun	• King and Queen
• Ashe	• Montgomery	• Charleston	• Lancaster
• Beaufort	• Moore	• Chesterfield	• Nelson
• Bladen	• New Hanover	• Clarendon	• Newport News
• Brunswick	• Onslow	• Colleton	• Patrick
• Cabarrus	• Pamlico	• Darlington	• Pittsylvania
• Carteret	• Pender	• Dillon	• Richmond
• Chatham	• Person	• Dorchester	• Russell
• Columbus	• Pitt	• Florence	• Williamsburg
• Craven	• Randolph	• Georgetown	
• Cumberland	• Richmond	• Horry	
• Dare	• Robeson	• Lancaster	
• Duplin	• Sampson	• Marion	
• Granville	• Scotland	• Marlboro	
• Greene	• Stanly	• Orangeburg	
• Harnett	• Union	• Sumter	
• Hoke	• Wayne	• Williamsburg	
• Hyde	• Wilson		
• Johnston	• Yancey		
• Jones			

## **Important: Hospital Contact Information**

To ensure your hospital receives critical communications about meeting the requirements of the IQR Program (and other CMS quality reporting programs), including submission-deadline reminders and program updates, it is important that we have the complete contact information for the key roles at your hospital. Updates to your contact information can be submitted, if needed, using the [Hospital Contact Change Form](#). This document is available on the *Quality Reporting Center* website ([www.qualityreportingcenter.com](http://www.qualityreportingcenter.com)): [Home](#) > *Inpatient* > *Hospital IQR Program* > [Resources and Tools](#) > [Forms](#).