



Hurricane Katrina Relief Listserv

Working in Partnership Regionally to Best Serve Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

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The Hurricane Katrina Listserv is a vehicle by which people and organizations looking to provide evacuee relief can post and receive breaking news and information, as well as ask questions that will be made available to a number of public, private and non-profit organizations working to provide aid to evacuees.

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If you're sending out press releases, have breaking news or other information, or would like to post a question, please forward to them to crisis.response@uwsem.org.

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Medicaid Waiver expires at end of September

Katrina evacuees should be advised that the Michigan Medicaid Waiver for non-disabled, income-eligible adults expires at the end of this month. All eligible hurricane survivors in the state need to sign up for the program by September 30.

For more information, contact your local DHS office, or the Michigan Department of

Community Health at (517) 373-3740.



Katrina Tip (from the Michigan Dept. of Human Services)

There are a number of Michigan evacuees being deemed "ineligible" that should not be. It was discovered that during the intake interview with FEMA (either by telephone or online), one question asked is whether your residence in the affected area: (1) is damaged, (2) is not damaged or, (3) unknown.

FEMA classifies "unknown" the same as "not damaged" and if the applicant answers "unknown" they will be deemed ineligible. Therefore, evacuees should be advised to always answer "damaged." The reason "unknown" may, in fact, be appropriate, was that the applicant evacuated before the storm hit and they may simply not know the condition of their home.

However, if they answer "damaged" in good faith and do receive assistance, but it is subsequently discovered that there was, in fact, no damage to their home, there will be no repayment required. FEMA will give them a reasonable amount of time to relocate or return to their home.

Quick Links

- [UW Metro Detroit Katrina Relief Website](#)
- [United Way TelHelp/2-1-1 Resource Listing - Daily Update](#)

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