

Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP) Louisiana Floods Data Fact Sheet

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The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP) is funded by the Stafford Act and designed to help disaster survivors access prescription medicines. EPAP can also be activated by the Public Health Service Act under the authority of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). The program utilizes normal business operations (e.g., electronic prescription claims processing, utilization of the normal pharmaceutical supply chain for distribution and dispensing) to pay for prescription medications for eligible persons.

This fact sheet provides a summary of the EPAP data collected and analyzed following the Louisiana floods from **August 19, 2016 to September 20, 2016**.

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Louisiana Floods EPAP Claims

The EPAP was enacted for residents in 12 parishes in Louisiana. A total of 550 claims for prescription drugs, one paid claim for durable medical equipment (DME), and seven paid claims for vaccines were processed through EPAP for a billable amount of \$36,190.43.

- Prescription drugs for acute to chronic medications
- DME: 1 wheelchair
- Vaccine: 7 Tdap vaccines

Patient Demographics

- A total of 134 patients were served from August 19, 2016 to September 20, 2016.
- Prescription numbers ranged from 1 to 11 per patient, with an average of 3 prescriptions per patient.
- Ages ranged from newborn to 90 years old.
- Top 5 claims with age from most to least claim processed: 59, 54, 49, 48 and 44.
- Gender: 171 claims from males and 387 claims from females.

Pharmacy Demographics

- Iberia Parish accounted for 35% of total fills, followed by East Baton Rouge Parish (29%), Livingston Parish (15%), and Ascension Parish (7.2%).
- The top 5 retail pharmacies that processed claims were: Walmart, Walgreens, Iberia Community Health Pharmacy, Doc Your Dose Pharmacy, and Lakeside Pharmacy and Gift.

Pharmacy Services

The figure shows the top 5 drug categories, measured by number of paid claims.

- Antihypertensives: 123
- Analgesics-Narcotics: 97
- Antibiotics: 61
- Antidepressants: 43
- Antiasthma: 30

