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NEWS RELEASE

Alabama's health care services are not interrupted by Hurricane _____

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Health care providers in the state are working to ensure that individuals from Alabama receive appropriate medical care following Hurricane _____-.

Dr. Donald Williamson, state health officer, said, "_____ (Quote)." Alabama hospitals have bed capacity and staff are available to receive new patients. More than _____ (number) shelters have opened in locations throughout the state and other shelters are on standby status.

Pharmacies in the state have been working diligently to supply needed maintenance medications. People can go to any pharmacy and receive assistance with their medications.

Public health teams are staffing shelters, sometimes around the clock. Public health environmentalists are assessing kitchens at shelters and are helping to advise and prevent any unhygienic conditions. Disease intervention specialists are continuing to conduct surveillance to detect outbreaks of disease, social workers and administrative staff are assisting evacuees, and emergency medical technicians have been deployed to assist victims with medical needs.

For further information on Public Health services, please visit the Alabama Department of Public Health's Web site at www.adph.org.

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