

# Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP) Hurricanes Irma & Maria- USVI Data Fact Sheet

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The [Emergency Prescription Assistance Program \(EPAP\)](#) is funded by the Stafford Act and is 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 for the **US Virgin Islands (USVI) only** following Hurricanes Irma and Maria from **November 2, 2017 to September 15, 2018**.

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## Hurricane Irma & Maria- USVI EPAP Claims

- The EPAP was enacted for residents in USVI between November 2, 2017 and September 15, 2018.
- A total of 38,957 claims for prescription drugs and durable medical equipment (\$3,373.59) were processed through EPAP for a billable amount of \$2,504,958.66.
- The total cost of EPAP to include program activation and deactivation fees was \$2,607,277.70.

## Patient Demographics

- A total of 4,816 patients were served from November 2, 2017 to September 15, 2018.
- Prescription numbers ranged from 1 to 170 per patient, with an average of 8.1 prescriptions per patient.
- Average patient age was 49 years old.

## Pharmacy Demographics

- 223 unique pharmacy locations were utilized throughout the activation.
- Average cost per prescription was \$64.34.

## Pharmacy Services

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

- Antihypertensives: 9,716
- Antidiabetic: 4,784
- Antihyperlipidemic: 1,900
- Analgesics-Narcotics: 1,766
- Antiasthmatic: 1,587

## Additional EPAP Information

This [overview fact sheet](#) includes more information on EPAP. Interested in EPAP data associated with other weather events? Check out these factsheets:

- [Hurricane Gustav Data Fact Sheet](#)
- [Hurricane Ike Data Fact Sheet](#)
- [Hurricanes Irma and Maria Puerto Rico Data Fact Sheet](#)
- [Louisiana Floods Data Fact Sheet](#)
- [Superstorm Sandy Data Fact Sheet](#)

