

## Hurricane Milton Operational Memo

### Situation:

Hurricane Milton is expected to bring heavy rainfall and severe winds which may adversely impact medication shipping and delivery to patients in Florida.



### Background:

Hurricane Milton is currently a category 4 hurricane and is expected to make landfall in Florida on Wednesday (10/9/24) evening. Damaging winds, rain, and flooding are expected to impact shipping operations.

### Assessment:

The current forecast is predicting Hurricane Milton to make landfall on the western coast of Florida on Wednesday evening and to pass across central Florida through Thursday evening. High speed winds, significant rain, and flooding are expected.

From previous experience, typical shipping routes are expected to be delayed due to the impacts of the storm. Packages en route to patients in these regions during weather emergencies are often delayed and sometimes lost depending on severity of impact.

### Recommendation:

1. Specialty Pharmacy shipments scheduled for delivery on Wednesday (10/9/24) and Thursday (10/10/24) will be contacted and rescheduled for shipment to avoid delays.
2. Home Delivery will limit overnight and temperature sensitive medications to be delivered on Wednesday (10/9/24) and Thursday (10/10/24).
3. Lasting impacts from the hurricane will be assessed before resuming shipping but shipping will resume as soon as possible.
4. In urgent situations, AscensionRx will assist with obtaining necessary overrides for local filling.