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REVIEW IT DISASTER RECOVERY PLANS AND VENDOR OBLIGATIONS

As we get further into the 2013 Atlantic hurricane season and experience more severe weather and wildfires, now is the time to review and refresh your IT disaster recovery plans and business continuity plans. The Federal Emergency Management Agency [Ready website](#) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [HRSA website](#) provide example business continuity plans and business impact analysis considerations that can be useful within your own organization to plan for disruptions in communications and clinical application availability.

But what if your critical clinical applications are hosted by a third party or accessible via the Internet? Contracting for disaster contingencies is an important step in the IT procurement process. Be sure that your contracts for critical systems have adequate vendor disaster recovery obligations.

If you have any questions about disaster recovery or business continuity plans or vendor disaster recovery obligations, please contact Alisa Kuehn at 317-977-1475 or akuehn@hallrender.com or your regular Hall Render attorney.