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## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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TOPIC: IV Fluid Supply Following Closure of Manufacturing Facility in North Carolina

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TO: Health Care Providers, Health Care Facilities and Local Health Authorities Background

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### Background

As a result of the recent flooding caused by Hurricane Helene, the Baxter factory in North Cove, NC, shut down on Sept. 29. The factory is a top producer of IV solutions and dialysis medications in the United States. The company is focused on reducing potential supply chain disruptions that may result from this closure.

In the wake of the closure of the North Carolina facility and to continue with an equitable distribution of available IV fluid, IV solutions have been placed on an allocation plan for customers via other available manufacturers.

These allocation plans are not the result of a shortage but have instead been implemented to prevent the hoarding or panic buying of IV solutions. Equitable distribution for customers has continued, and there is no shortage of IV solutions at this time.

### Recommendations for health care providers and health care facilities

To help ensure that life-saving supplies and medicine can continue to be available, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) strongly recommends that health care providers and facilities not stockpile by buying excessive amounts of IV solution. The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Baxter are coordinating to provide support to other domestic manufacturing facilities to increase the output of IV solutions. At this time, it is estimated that the increase in supply from other facilities should compensate for the closure of the Baxter facility in North Cove.

Dialysis centers are strongly advised to reach out to their product customer service representative or other vendor contact for their allocation plan.

Additional information on the availability of IV solutions can be found online at:

- [Hurricane Helene Updates - Baxter Newsroom](#)
- [Baxter Customer Letter, Issued 9/29/2024](#)

## Questions

For updated guidance, review the [Division of Public and Behavioral Health Technical Bulletin web page](#) regularly. Contact the local health authority for your jurisdiction with questions or concerns regarding supply chain disruption trends for IV solutions.

Health Department	County	Phone Number
Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)	Carson City, Lyon, Douglas, and Storey	(775) 887-2190
Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH, formerly WCHD)	Washoe	(775) 328-2447
Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)	Clark	(702) 759-1300
Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)	All other counties	(775) 684-5920



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