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# CLINICAL BULLETIN

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88	IV Fluid Availability Restrictions			October 7, 2024
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The Division of Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services (FSTEMS) has become aware of potential restrictions in the availability of IV fluids resulting from the damage caused by Hurricane Helene. At this time, we are aware of impacts statewide with an unknown resolution time. Currently, we are recommending the following:

- *Units should collaborate with their respective MRH, receiving and transferring facilities on policies and procedures that minimize IV fluid waste.*
- *Units should coordinate with their respective IV fluid suppliers with regard to any allocation limits or other changes to current ordering procedures.*
- *Units should inventory current IV fluid stocks and maintain awareness of current and potential usage trends.*
- *Units should retain recently expired and soon to be expiring IV fluids in anticipation of potential FDA approved expiration date extensions.*

While there are currently **NO** suggested changes in clinical practice, providers are reminded to follow the guidelines established by the current State of New Hampshire Patient Care Protocols V9.0 regarding the administration of IV fluids.

For more information a link to Baxter’s Hurricane Helene updates can be found here:

<https://www.baxter.com/baxter-newsroom/hurricane-helene-updates>

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