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Division of Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services

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CLINICAL BULLETIN

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89	Baxter IV Solutions Expiration Date Extensions			October 29, 2024
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88	FSTEMS	Dr. Joey Scollan	Baxter/FDA	FSTEMS (603) 223-4200

The Division of Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services has become aware that Baxter Healthcare has received approval to extend the expiration dates of selected IV fluids. A current listing of products with extended expiration dates can be found on the Baxter website here:

 $\underline{https://meded.baxter.com/sites/g/files/ebysai4096/files/2024-10/Extended ExpDates IV Solutions \% 20v2.pdf}$

Please note this is <u>NOT</u> a blanket extension of expiration dates across all manufacturers and products. EMS Units should use the link above to access the materials and ensure that their specific IV fluids have been granted extended expirations dates.

In addition, EMS Units should:

- Retain recently expired and soon to be expiring IV fluids and utilize the resources noted above to review for extended expiration dates.
- Prioritize the use of IV Fluids with extended expiration dates.
- Collaborate with their respective MRH, receiving and transferring facilities on policies and procedures that minimize IV fluid waste.
- Coordinate with their respective IV fluid suppliers with regard to any allocation limits or other changes to current ordering procedures.
- Inventory current IV fluid stocks and maintain awareness of current and potential usage trends.

While there are currently <u>NO</u> 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

Please contact <u>clinicalsystems@dos.nh.gov</u> with any questions or concerns.