

# Announcement

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As you're aware, Hurricane Helene has significantly impacted the Baxter Pharmaceutical plant in North Carolina, leading to a potential shortage of IV fluids nationwide. We want to ensure our Emergency Departments are prepared and effectively managing this situation while also supporting EMS agencies.

## Key Points for EMS:

- 1:1 Exchange Process: We will continue to support EMS with a strict 1:1 exchange process for patients brought to our EDs.
- IV Fluid Supplies: In areas where independent replenishment is available, IV solutions will be relocated to secure areas. Please coordinate with nursing staff if you require access to these supplies.
- Ongoing Assessment: We will continually evaluate the situation and may refine our strategies as needed. Expect ongoing updates through our EMS Coordinators, along with appropriate signage in all departments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to a Premier Health EMS Coordinator.

Thank you for your dedication to our community and patients during this challenging time.

Best regards,

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