



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**This is an official
MS Health Alert Network (HAN) – Advisory**

MESSAGE ID: MSHAN – 10232024–00598 - **ADV (Health Advisory)**
RECIPIENTS: **All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, PAs, and
Healthcare Providers –
Statewide**
Wednesday, October 23, 2024

SUBJECT: **Disruptions in Availability of Peritoneal Dialysis and
Intravenous Solutions from Baxter International
Facility in North Carolina**

Dear Colleagues.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a Health Advisory regarding [Disruptions in Availability of Peritoneal Dialysis and Intravenous Solutions from Baxter International Facility in North Carolina](#) on October 12, 2024 following Hurricane Helene.
- Mississippi healthcare facilities (hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, dialysis facilities, etc.) that utilize these types of fluids may already be experiencing shortages or disruptions to their regular supplies from Baxter or other distributors in the affected areas.
- **Mississippi healthcare providers and facilities are asked to conserve these products where feasible until these supply disruptions improve.**
- The following links provide additional recommendations and guidance which facilities can use to develop their own conservation plan:
 - [Small- and Large-Volume Fluid Shortages – Suggestions for Management and Conservation - ASHP](#)
 - [Interim Guidance on PD Solution Conservation During Supply Shortage - American Society of Pediatric Nephrology \(ASPN\)](#)
 - [Hurricane Helene: Baxter's manufacturing recovery in North Carolina | FDA](#)

Please review the original CDC HAN linked above for additional details and reference links.

Regards,

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Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: Mississippi State Department of
Health Alerting Program: **MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)**
Message Identifier: MSHAN-10232024-00598-**ADV**
Program (HAN) Type: **Health Alert Advisory**
Status (Type): Actual ()
Message Type: Advisory
Reference: MSHAN-00598
Severity: Unknown
Acknowledgement: No
Sensitive: Not Sensitive
Message Expiration: Undetermined
Urgency: Undetermined
Delivery Time: 600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**)).

Program (HAN) Type: Categories of Health Alert Messages.

Health Alert: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

Health Info Service: Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

- Actual:** Communication or alert refers to a live event
- Exercise:** Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
- Test:** Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

Message Type:

- Alert:** Indicates an original Alert
- Update:** Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
- Cancel:** Indicates prior alert has been cancelled

Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme: Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe: Significant threat to life or property
Moderate: Possible threat to life or property
Minor: Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown: Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive: Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive: Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).