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## County of Sacramento

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**To:** All Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SCEMSA) Stakeholders

**From:** Dr. Gregory Kann, SCEMSA Medical Director

**Subject:** IV Fluid Supply Issue

In response to the current IV fluid supply issues, please be aware of the following:

- Prehospital providers and personnel should conserve IV fluids as much as possible until the supply issues stabilize, while continuing to provide appropriate patient care in accordance with SCEMSA treatment policies. This may include the use of saline locks in situations where vascular access is indicated but fluid administration is not necessary.
- IV fluids should only be administered to patients with an urgent need, such as those with suspected sepsis, severe dehydration or hypotension, or major trauma. If fluid administration has been initiated in the field, prehospital personnel should continue it upon arrival at the hospital and communicate the amount given to the ED staff.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jenna Alexander, EMS Specialist, at [alexanderjen@sacounty.gov](mailto:alexanderjen@sacounty.gov).

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