



# Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

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**TO:** EMS Providers - ALS, BLS, LALS, EMS Aircraft

**FROM:** Reza Vaezazizi, MD  
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**SUBJECT:** NORMAL SALINE SHORTAGES

ICEMA is aware that there is nationwide shortage of Normal Saline which may affect your ability to maintain adequate supplies. In the event you are unable to maintain the required levels of Normal Saline, as required by ICEMA Reference #7010 - BLS/LALS/ALS Standard Drug and Equipment List, ICEMA will consider a waiver in size or quantity. Please utilize the Drug Shortage Waiver Request Form found on the ICEMA website to request a waiver.

ICEMA is recommending that EMS providers carefully consider the need for venous access or, if warranted, use saline locks in place of Normal Saline when the condition of the patient does not require fluid replacement.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sherri Shimshy, RN, EMS Nurse Specialist, at (909) 388-5816 or via e-mail at [Sherri.Shimshy@cao.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Sherri.Shimshy@cao.sbcounty.gov).

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