

Iowa County, Iowa  
Policy Manual

Title: Warming IV Fluid	Reference #: AMB 1019
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## Policy

Each ambulance is equipped with an IV warmer that will keep fluids at a temperature range between 36 to 38 degrees Celsius (99 to 101 degrees F). Each warmer will hold 4 to 6 bags of fluid (500 to 1000 ml).

Each ambulance should have 4 to 6 bags of IV fluid on the warmer during normal inventory.

Each bag of IV fluid should be labeled when it was placed on the warmer.

Each bag of IV fluid that is warmed should be used or taken off the warmer within 180 days or 6 months from the time it was placed on the warmer.

IV fluid removed from the IV warmer can be used up until its normal expiration date, but should not be re-warmed once removed from the warmer.

The IV warmer should be ON at all times.

Warmed IV fluid in the backup trucks should be rotated with the warmed IV fluid in the up trucks during monthly inventory such that the oldest warmed fluid gets used first.