

U.S. Rep. Kind: Calls for solution to IV shortage in Wisconsin

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Wisconsin is facing an IV saline bag shortage in the midst of a flu outbreak

La Crosse, WI – Today, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind called on the Administration to find a solution to the shortage of IV saline bags that is affecting hospitals and patients throughout western and central Wisconsin. This comes as Wisconsin hospitals are dealing with a severe and widespread flu outbreak.

“Patients and healthcare providers in western and central Wisconsin should never be worried about the availability of something as critical as an IV bag,” **said Rep. Ron Kind**. “In this bad flu season, I am calling on the Administration to make sure our hospitals and clinics are stocked with IV bags and prepared to give the best quality care to Wisconsinites.”

A copy of the letter can be found [here](#).

Although a shortage of IV saline bags has been documented since 2014, the impact of Hurricane Maria and the exceptionally severe flu season have combined to intensify the IV shortage. According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, there have been nearly 5,000 hospitalizations in Wisconsin since last September.