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American Health Packaging issues voluntary nationwide recall of potassium chloride extended-release 750 mg capsules

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About this recall:

American Health Packaging on behalf of BluePoint Laboratories is voluntarily recalling 21 batches of potassium chloride extended-release (ER) capsules in the strength of 750 mg, which is equivalent to 10 mEq of potassium. The recall is to the consumer level due to failed dissolution.

Potassium chloride ER capsules are used for the treatment of patients with low potassium (hypokalemia) and are packaged in bottles of 100-count (NDC 68001-0396-00) and 500-count (NDC 68001-0396-03) capsules.

What this means to you:

If the potassium chloride ER capsules do not dissolve properly, high potassium levels (hyperkalemia) may occur, which can result in irregular heartbeat that can lead to cardiac arrest. For patients who require chronic use of potassium chloride, especially in those with underlying conditions (high blood pressure, heart failure or kidney dysfunction), the potential exists for high potassium levels to result in serious adverse events such as heart arrythmias, severe muscle weakness or death. To date, the company has not received any reports of hyperkalemia or serious events from sources related to this recall.

Consumers that have potassium chloride ER capsules with a recalled NDC and lot number should consult with their health care professional (HCP) before they stop using the product. Consumers should also contact their HCP if they have experienced any problems that may be related to taking or using this drug product. For return instructions and further information, consumers should call Sedgwick at **855.695.8564**, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).