



To: Carter BloodCare Customers
From: Hospital Relations
Date: February 23, 2026
Re: Trade Tariffs Update

Update

The Supreme Court on Friday, February 20, 2026, struck down tariffs imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) effective Tuesday February 24, 2026. However, a new global tariff under different legal authority was imposed to replace those struck down under the IEEPA. The halt of tariffs imposed under the IEEPA also does not affect other tariffs imposed under other statutes and remain in place. As a reminder, we have implemented a temporary surcharge solely in response to the imposed tariffs that directly impact our costs. Should these tariffs be lifted or otherwise eliminated, we will promptly discontinue the associated surcharge.

Furthermore, if any tariff-related payments are refunded or reimbursed to us, we are committed to passing those refunded amounts directly back to our customers in a fair and transparent manner.

Background

Carter BloodCare has currently absorbed tariff charges passed on by our vendors. Earlier this year, we communicated our intention to avoid transferring this cost to our partners through various mitigation strategies. In correlation with our budgeting and financial planning, it has become clear that the strategy to absorb all tariff charges is unsustainable, and we must implement a cost-sharing strategy based on the tariff-driven fees primarily associated with blood collection bags/sets.

Beginning November 1, 2025, Carter BloodCare will implement a Tariff Surcharge Recovery Fee applied to all red blood cell units in the form of a Carter BloodCare charge code (Bcode) BTSR1 in the amount of \$3 per red blood cell unit.

If this pass-through charge is deemed unnecessary in the future, we will communicate accordingly and remove this fee.

We are grateful for the partnerships that we enjoy with you in the service of your patients.

Questions and Additional Information

Please contact Hospital Relations at hospitalrelations@carterbloodcare.org with any questions or concerns.