

# 2019 SUSTAINABILITY ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD INDEX

We are proud to publish Baxter International Inc.’s first Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Index, in alignment with the Medical Equipment and Supplies Sustainability Accounting Standard. In doing so, we strive to provide transparent and relevant corporate responsibility information to investors. Aligning with SASB reflects the continued sophistication and expansion of our sustainability disclosures as we seek to drive business value and make a meaningful difference for Baxter’s stakeholders around the world. Data are calendar year 2019, unless stated otherwise.

For more information about corporate responsibility at Baxter, including our 2015–2020 priorities and goals, performance data, materiality assessment and GRI index, please visit our [2019 Corporate Responsibility Report](#).

TOPIC	CODE	SASB METRIC	2019 REPORTING
<b>Affordability &amp; Pricing</b>	HC-MS-240a.1	Ratio of weighted average rate of net price increases (for all products) to the annual increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index	Baxter does not disclose this data. See Contractual Arrangements in <a href="#">Baxter’s 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K</a> (page 3) for information about some factors that impact product pricing.

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<p><b>Affordability &amp; Pricing (continued)</b></p>	<p>HC-MS-240a.2</p>	<p>Description of how price information for each product is disclosed to customers or to their agents</p>	<p>Baxter products are sold through contracts with customers, both within and outside the United States. Some of these contracts have terms of more than one year and place limits on our ability to increase prices; some contracts also specify minimum quantities to be purchased by the customer; and some contracts may include variable consideration related to rebates, sales discounts and/or wholesaler chargebacks. Our customers include hospitals, governments, kidney dialysis centers and other organizations. Both in the United States and outside, hospitals and other customers have joined purchasing entities, such as group purchasing organizations, integrated delivery networks and public contracting authorities, to enhance purchasing power.</p> <p>See the <a href="#">Contractual Arrangements</a>, <a href="#">Competition and Healthcare Cost Containment</a>, and <a href="#">Revenue Recognition</a> sections in Baxter’s 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K.</p>
<p><b>Product Safety</b></p>	<p>HC-MS-250a.1</p>	<p>Number of recalls issued, total units recalled</p>	<p>During 2019, Baxter issued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six medical device product recalls that were reported to the FDA and removed from the market or corrected*</li> <li>• Zero medical device product recalls that were not reported to the FDA</li> <li>• Sixteen medical device product recalls that were reported to non-U.S. national regulatory authorities and removed from the market or corrected</li> </ul> <p>See <a href="#">Patient Safety and Quality</a> in the Baxter 2019 Corporate Responsibility Report for information about the company’s product improvements.</p>
	<p>HC-MS-250a.2</p>	<p>List of products listed in the FDA’s MedWatch Safety Alerts for Human Medical Products database</p>	<p>As of December 31, 2019, the <a href="#">MedWatch Safety Alerts for Human Medical Products database</a> included the following Baxter medical device product: <b>Exactamix</b> EVA Dual-Chamber Bags.</p> <p>Baxter notified customers regarding a supplier-initiated recall related to the medical device product: <b>Exactamix</b> EVA Dual-Chamber Bags. Baxter acts as a distributor for this product.</p>

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<b>Product Safety (continued)</b>	HC-MS-250a.4	Number of FDA enforcement actions taken in response to violations of current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP), by type	<p>In 2019, Baxter received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero warning letters</li> <li>• Zero seizures</li> <li>• Zero consent decrees</li> </ul> <p>See <a href="#">Patient Safety and Quality</a> in the Baxter 2019 Corporate Responsibility Report, as well as Certain Regulatory Matters in <a href="#">Baxter’s 2019 Annual Report on Form 10-K</a> for related information.</p>
<b>Ethical Marketing</b>	HC-MS-270a.1	Total amount of monetary losses as a result of legal proceedings associated with false marketing claims	In 2019, Baxter had no monetary losses due to legal proceedings associated with false marketing claims that were previously reported in any company Exchange Act filings.
	HC-MS-270a.2	Description of code of ethics governing promotion of off-label use of products	See the <a href="#">Baxter Code of Conduct</a> and the <a href="#">Baxter Global Interactions Policy</a> . See <a href="#">Ethics and Compliance</a> in the Baxter 2019 Corporate Responsibility Report for information about our approach in this area.
<b>Product Design &amp; Lifecycle Management</b>	HC-MS-410a.1	Discussion of process to assess and manage environmental and human health considerations associated with chemicals in products, and meet demand for sustainable products	See <a href="#">Sustainable Design</a> and <a href="#">Materials Use</a> in the Baxter 2019 Corporate Responsibility Report for information about Baxter’s approach in this area.
	HC-MS-410a.2	Total amount of products accepted for takeback and reused, recycled, or donated, broken down by: (1) devices and equipment and (2) supplies	See <a href="#">Product End-of-Life</a> in the Baxter 2019 Corporate Responsibility Report for product recovery data and information about Baxter’s approach in this area.

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<b>Supply Chain Management</b>	HC-MS-430a.1	Percentage of (1) entity's facilities and (2) Tier I suppliers' facilities participating in third-party audit programs for manufacturing and product quality	<p>During 2017–2019, more than 30% of Baxter's total facilities worldwide completed third-party audits based on ISO 13485 or ISO 9001 (including through the Medical Device Single Audit Program), approximately 70% completed ministry of health or equivalent audits (depending on location) related to manufacturing and product quality, and nearly 10% completed safety marking (such as CE marking) audits.</p> <p>Baxter does not currently report the percentage of its Tier I suppliers' facilities participating in third-party audit programs for manufacturing and product quality.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Patient Safety and Quality</a> and <a href="#">Supplier Audits</a> in the Baxter 2019 Corporate Responsibility Report for related information.</p>
	HC-MS-430a.2	Description of efforts to maintain traceability within the distribution chain	<p>Baxter has a range of systems and processes to maintain traceability of materials throughout the product supply and distribution chain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traceability of materials from suppliers to Baxter, and throughout the manufacturing process, is maintained utilizing electronic systems.</li> <li>• Products manufactured by Baxter are labeled with an identifier that is traceable from the manufacturing process to the customer and may utilize barcoding and sterilization technology to facilitate electronic track-and-trace capability. Enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems are used to manage traceability to the point of sale. Baxter has business agreements with our wholesalers to ensure traceability is maintained within their distribution chains, and we can access related information if needed.</li> <li>• Baxter maintains a range of compliance-focused initiatives to help ensure all products are labeled as required by local and regional regulations to enable traceability.</li> </ul> <p>See section 7.11, Product Identification and Traceability of the <a href="#">Baxter Supplier Quality Standards</a> and Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Program content in <a href="#">Industry Collaboration</a> in the Baxter 2019 Corporate Responsibility Report for more information.</p>

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<b>Supply Chain Management (continued)</b>	HC-MS-430a.3	Description of the management of risks associated with the use of critical materials	See Baxter’s <a href="#">Position Statement on Conflict Minerals</a> and our most recent <a href="#">Conflict Minerals Report</a> .  Baxter does not currently disclose its management of risks for other critical materials.
	HC-MS-510a.1	Total amount of monetary losses as a result of legal proceedings associated with bribery or corruption	In 2019, Baxter had no monetary losses due to legal proceedings associated with bribery or corruption that were previously reported in any company Exchange Act filings. See <a href="#">Ethics and Compliance</a> in the Baxter 2019 Corporate Responsibility Report for information about our approach in this area.
<b>Business Ethics</b>	HC-MS-510a.2	Description of code of ethics governing interactions with health care professionals	See Baxter’s <a href="#">Global Interactions Policy</a> and <a href="#">Relationships with Healthcare Professionals and Government Officials</a> in the Baxter 2019 Corporate Responsibility Report for information about our approach in this area.

\*Differences compared to data on FDA websites may be due to timeframe (the date Baxter takes an action may differ from the date FDA classifies that action), definition of "recall" (FDA data includes actions taken even if the product is not removed or corrected), and classification by product group vs. product code (FDA counts each impacted product code within a product family as a distinct recall).