Mason Jeanne K Form 4 February 21, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock, \$1

par value

02/19/2018

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and A Mason Jeann	Symbol	BAXTER INTERNATIONAL INC				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) ONE BAXT	(First) (M	(Month/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2018				Director 10% Owner Sylvantification of the control			
DEERFIELI	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
(City)		Zip) Tah	le I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	Person quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		or))	5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficially (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock, \$1 par value	02/19/2018		A(1)	4,697	A	\$ 0	95,973	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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3,507 A

\$0

99,480

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				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Mason Jeanne K ONE BAXTER PARKWAY DEERFIELD, IL 60015

SVP, Human Resources

Signatures

/s/ Ellen K. McIntosh, as attorney in-fact for Jeanne K. Mason

02/21/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Represents shares earned from the performance share unit award granted on March 3, 2016 pursuant to the Equity Plan adopted by Baxter International Inc. (Baxter) as of such date. The award provides that fifty percent of the performance share units are earned based on the Baxter's Adjusted Operating Margin (OM) performance, as assessed annually over a three-year period. One-third of the OM performance

- share units are allocated to each one-year period. The number of shares reported on this Form 4 represents the shares earned based on Baxter's OM, as assessed from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. These shares are scheduled to vest after the end of the relevant three-year performance period (which runs from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018).
 - Represents shares earned from the performance share unit award granted on March 2, 2017 pursuant to the Equity Plan adopted by Baxter as of such date. The award provides that fifty percent of the performance share units are earned based on the Baxter's Adjusted Operating Margin (OM) performance, as assessed annually over a three-year period. One-third of the OM performance share units are allocated to each one-year period. The number of shares reported on this Form 4 represents the shares earned based on Baxter's OM, as assessed from

January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. These shares are scheduled to vest after the end of the relevant three-year performance period (which runs from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019).

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