



**REGION 11
CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM
POLICY**

Title: Veteran Patient Destination
Section: Transportation
Approved: EMS Medical Directors Consortium
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VETERAN PATIENT DESTINATION

I. PURPOSE

To define the transport of patients that self-identify as veterans to facilities in the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System that participate in the EMS System.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Veteran: A person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

III. POLICY

- A. Patients who are military veterans may request to obtain their medical care at facilities within the Veterans Affairs (VA) Healthcare System.
- B. Veterans should self-identify their status; no further confirmation is necessary by EMS personnel.
- C. There are two facilities under the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System that are Participating Hospitals in Region 11 Chicago EMS:
1. Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
 2. Edward Hines, Jr. Veterans Affairs Hospital
- D. Both of these facilities are licensed as Comprehensive Emergency Departments under IDPH.
- E. Patients that meet criteria set forth in the Systems of Care Policy **should not be** transported to a Veterans Affairs Healthcare facility.
- F. Additional determination of the veteran patient destination should be according to the Patient Destination Policy.