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To: Illinois EMS Systems
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Re: **Bypass Status**

The Department continues to monitor bypass status in the EmResource program. During the National/State Disaster declaration of the pandemic due to COVID-19 bypass will NOT be granted. It is an expectation that all hospitals continue to receive patients unless there is an internal disaster such as flooding, no heat or electricity, etc..

Please contact your IDPH Regional EMS Coordinator (REMSC) or me if there are questions.