



REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY

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REGION 11 (CHICAGO) EMS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

I. PURPOSE

To define the organizational structure of the Region 11 (Chicago) EMS Systems.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. EMS System: An organization of hospitals, EMS agencies and licensed EMS personnel in a specific geographic area, which coordinates and provides prehospital and interhospital emergency care and non-emergency medical transports at a BLS and/or ALS level pursuant to an EMS System Plan.
- B. Resource Hospital: The hospital with the authority and responsibility for an EMS System as outlined in the EMS System Plan. The Resource Hospital, through the EMS Medical Director, assumes responsibility for the entire EMS System, including clinical aspects, operations, and education. This hospital agrees to replace medical supplies and provide for equipment exchange for EMS agencies participating in the EMS System, in addition to the roles and responsibilities outlined in the Region 11 EMS Resource and Associate Hospital Policy and Participating Hospital Policy.
- C. Associate Hospital: A hospital participating in an approved EMS System in accordance with the EMS System Plan, fulfilling the same clinical and communications requirements as the Resource Hospital. This hospital has neither the primary responsibility for conducting training programs, nor the responsibility for the overall operation of the EMS System program. This hospital agrees to replace medical supplies and provide for equipment exchange for EMS agencies participating in the EMS System, in addition to the roles and responsibilities outlined in the Region 11 EMS Resource and Associate Hospital Policy and Participating Hospital Policy.
- D. Participating Hospital: A hospital participating in an approved EMS System in accordance with the EMS System Program Plan, which is not a Resource Hospital or an Associate Hospital. This hospital agrees to replace medical supplies and provide for equipment exchange for EMS agencies participating in the EMS System, in addition to the roles and responsibilities outlined in the Region 11 EMS Participating Hospital Policy.
- E. EMS Agency: An entity licensed by IDPH to provide emergency or non-emergency medical services in compliance with the State of Illinois EMS Act and an operational plan approved by its EMS System(s).

See next page for an outline of the Region 11 (Chicago) EMS Organizational Structure.

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