



REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY	Title: Systems of Care
	Section: Transportation
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SYSTEMS OF CARE

I. PURPOSE

- A. To define the Systems of Care for patients transported by EMS within Region 11.
- B. To deliver the right resources to the right patient in the right place at the right time.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. System of Care: Regionalized care for a patient with a time-critical or specialty condition from EMS assessment to definitive care at a designated hospital facility.
- B. Designation: Recognition of a hospital facility to have the capability to provide specialty care services by a state or regional authority.
- C. Destination Criteria: Defined criteria for EMS to identify patients that should be directly transported to a designated hospital as part of a System of Care.

III. SYSTEMS OF CARE

- A. The established Systems of Care with specialty hospital designations for Region 11 are listed below. Refer to each individual policy for specific patient destination criteria.
 - 1. STEMI and Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) Patient Destination
 - a. STEMI Center
 - 2. Stroke Patient Destination
 - a. Primary Stroke Center (PSC)
 - b. Thrombectomy Stroke Center (TSC)
 - c. Comprehensive Stroke Center (CSC)
 - 3. Trauma Patient Destination
 - a. Level 1 Trauma Center
 - b. Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center
 - 4. Burn Patient Destination
 - a. Burn Center
 - 5. Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) Patient Destination
 - a. VAD Center



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6. Perinatal (Obstetric/Neonatal) Patient Destination

- a. Level III Perinatal Hospital
- b. Level II Perinatal Hospital
- c. No obstetrical services (Level 0)

7. Pediatric Patient Destination

- a. Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC)
- b. Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP)
- c. Emergency Department without pediatric designation

IV. OTHER PATIENT DESTINATION CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Patients that self-identify as veterans can be transported to a Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) per policy.
- B. Veteran patient transports are preferred for medical care coordination, but not a System of Care.

V. HOSPITAL COMMUNICATION

- A. Online Medical Control contact is required for all Systems of Care patients.
- B. Document time of hospital notification.

VI. DOCUMENTATION

- A. Documentation should include “Systems of Care” as a reason for the destination decision.
- B. The hospital designation or capability should be documented as the transport destination.

REGION 11 EMS SYSTEMS OF CARE - HOSPITAL DESIGNATIONS

Hospital	Burn	Pediatrics	Perinatal (Obstetric & Neonatal)	STEMI & Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA)	Stroke	Trauma	Ventricular Assist Device (VAD)
Advocate Christ Medical Center		PCCC	Level III	STEMI Center	CSC	Level I	VAD Center
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center		EDAP	Level III	STEMI Center	TSC	Level I	
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital		PCCC	Level III	STEMI Center	CSC	Level I	
Advocate Trinity Hospital			Level II	STEMI Center	PSC		
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago		PCCC	NO OB SERVICES			Level I Pediatric	
Ascension Resurrection Medical Center			Level II	STEMI Center	CSC		
Ascension Saint Francis Hospital		EDAP	NO OB SERVICES	STEMI Center	PSC	Level I	
Ascension Saint Joseph Hospital, Chicago		EDAP	Level III	STEMI Center	PSC		
Ascension Saints Mary & Elizabeth Medical Center - Saint Mary Campus		EDAP	Level II	STEMI Center	PSC		
Community First Medical Center			NO OB SERVICES	STEMI Center	PSC		
Edward Hines, Jr. Veterans Affairs Hospital			NO OB SERVICES				
Endeavor Health Swedish Hospital			Level II	STEMI Center	PSC		
Holy Cross Hospital			NO OB SERVICES		PSC		
Humboldt Park Health			Level II	STEMI Center	PSC		
Insight Hospital & Medical Center			NO OB SERVICES		PSC		
Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center			NO OB SERVICES				
Jesse Brown Veterans Affairs Medical Center			NO OB SERVICES				
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County	Burn Capable	EDAP	Level III	STEMI Center	PSC	Level I Level I Pediatric	
Loretto Hospital			NO OB SERVICES				
Loyola MacNeal Hospital		EDAP	Level II	STEMI Center	PSC		
Loyola University Medical Center	Burn Center	PCCC	Level III	STEMI Center	CSC	Level I	VAD Center
Mount Sinai Hospital		EDAP	Level III	STEMI Center	PSC	Level I	
Northwestern Memorial Hospital		EDAP	Level III	STEMI Center	CSC	Level I	VAD Center
OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center		EDAP	Level II	STEMI Center	PSC		
Provident Hospital of Cook County			NO OB SERVICES				
Roseland Community Hospital			Level II				
Rush University Medical Center		EDAP	Level III	STEMI Center	CSC		VAD Center
Saint Anthony Hospital		EDAP	Level II		PSC		
South Shore Hospital			NO OB SERVICES				
St. Bernard Hospital & Health Care Center			NO OB SERVICES				
Thorek Memorial Hospital			NO OB SERVICES				
UChicago Medicine	Burn Center		Level III	STEMI Center	CSC	Level I	VAD Center
UChicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital		PCCC	Level III			Level I Pediatric	
UI Health		PCCC	Level III	STEMI Center	CSC		
Weiss Memorial Hospital			NO OB SERVICES	STEMI Center	PSC		
West Suburban Medical Center		EDAP	Level II	STEMI Center	PSC		

PCCC: Pediatric Critical Care Center
 EDAP: Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics

CSC: Comprehensive Stroke Center
 TSC: Thrombectomy Stroke Center
 PSC: Primary Stroke Center