



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. Comprehensive Stroke Center (CSC)
 - b. Primary Stroke Center (PSC)
 - 3. Trauma Patient Destination
 - a. Level 1 Trauma Center
 - b. Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center
 - 4. Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) Patient Destination
 - a. VAD Center
 - 5. Perinatal (Obstetric/Neonatal) Patient Destination
 - a. Level III Perinatal Hospital
 - b. Level II Perinatal Hospital
 - c. No obstetrical services (Level 0)



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6. 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.