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TO: Region 11 EMS Providers
Region 11 EMS Participating Hospitals

FROM: **REGION 11 EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS CONSORTIUM**

SUBJECT: **REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS STROKE SYSTEM OF CARE UPDATE – EFFECTIVE 11/6/24**

In an effort to re-establish stroke services on the North side of Chicago, the Region 11 Chicago EMS Medical Directors Consortium has incorporated an additional IDPH-approved tier of stroke center into our current Stroke System of Care: Thrombectomy Stroke Center. Thrombectomy Stroke Centers (TSC) can perform endovascular therapy for severe strokes. Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center recently received designation as a Thrombectomy Stroke Center. While Thrombectomy Stroke Centers do not have the same capabilities as Comprehensive Stroke Centers (CSC), AIMMC has additional capabilities to manage hemorrhagic strokes.

Effective November 6, 2024, patients with a 3I-SS score of 4 or more and have a last known well time of less than 24 hours OR an unknown last known well time, shall be transported to the closest Thrombectomy Stroke Center (TSC) OR Comprehensive Stroke Center (CSC).

Region 11 EMS will continue to utilize the Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale for stroke screening and the 3-Item Stroke Scale (3I-SS) for stroke severity screening.

Please reference the documents below for further details on these updates to Region 11 Stroke System of Care:

- [Systems of Care Policy](#)
- [Stroke Patient Destination Policy](#)
- [Stroke Protocol – BLS/ALS](#)
- [Stroke Patient Assessment Procedure – BLS/ALS](#)

Please contact your Resource Hospital with any questions.

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