



**REGION 11
CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM
POLICY**

Title: Systems of Care
Section: Transportation
Approved: EMS Medical Directors Consortium
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SYSTEMS OF CARE

I. PURPOSE

- A. To define the Systems of Care for patients transported by EMS to hospitals participating in the Region 11 Chicago EMS Systems.
- 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 3 Perinatal Hospital
- b. Level 2 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 it is not a System of Care.

V. FACILITY RECOGNITION

- A. IDPH Administrative Code and relevant Subparts.
- B. Additional accrediting organizations.

VI. HOSPITAL COMMUNICATION

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

VII. DOCUMENTATION

- A. Documentation should include "Systems of Care" as a reason for the destination.
- B. The hospital designation or capability should be documented as the reason for transport to that facility.

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 3	STEMI Center	CSC	Level 1	VAD Center
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center		EDAP	Level 3	STEMI Center	TSC	Level 1	
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital		PCCC	Level 3	STEMI Center	CSC	Level 1	
Advocate Trinity Hospital			Level 2	STEMI Center	PSC		
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago		PCCC	NO OB SERVICES			Level 1 Pediatric	
Ascension Saint Joseph Hospital - Chicago		EDAP	Level 3	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		EDAP	Level 2	STEMI Center	PSC		
Holy Cross Hospital			NO OB SERVICES		PSC		
Humboldt Park Health			Level 2	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 3	STEMI Center	PSC	Level 1 Level 1 Pediatric	
Loretto Hospital			NO OB SERVICES				
Loyola MacNeal Hospital		EDAP	Level 2	STEMI Center	PSC		
Loyola University Medical Center	Burn Center	PCCC	Level 3	STEMI Center	CSC	Level 1	VAD Center
Mount Sinai Hospital		EDAP	Level 3	STEMI Center	PSC	Level 1	
Northwestern Memorial Hospital		EDAP	Level 3	STEMI Center	CSC	Level 1	VAD Center
OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center		EDAP	Level 2	STEMI Center	PSC		
Prime Healthcare Resurrection Medical Center			Level 2	STEMI Center	CSC		
Prime Healthcare Saint Francis Hospital		EDAP	NO OB SERVICES	STEMI Center	PSC	Level 1	
Prime Healthcare Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital		EDAP	Level 2	STEMI Center	PSC		
Provident Hospital of Cook County			NO OB SERVICES				
Roseland Community Hospital			Level 2				
Rush University Medical Center		PCCC	Level 3	STEMI Center	CSC		VAD Center
Saint Anthony Hospital		EDAP	Level 2		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 3	STEMI Center	CSC	Level 1	VAD Center
UChicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital		PCCC	Level 3			Level I Pediatric	
UI Health		PCCC	Level 3	STEMI Center	CSC		
West Suburban Medical Center		EDAP	NO OB SERVICES	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