



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 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			
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		