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TO: All EMS Providers – Region 11

FROM: Region 11 EMS Medical Directors Consortium

SUBJECT: Enhanced Security and Safety Protocols at Region 11 Hospitals

Please be advised that several hospitals in Region 11 have recently implemented enhanced security and safety protocols in their Emergency Departments. These measures are designed to ensure the safety of patients, hospital staff, and EMS personnel.

- Hospitals may now conduct **security screenings** on EMS-transported patients and/or their belongings.
- This may include the use of **hand-held metal detectors (wanding)** or other screening tools.
- These procedures are **hospital-specific** and may vary in scope and application.

Important for EMS Providers:

- **Prenotification** is required for **all** transports and will ensure awareness at the receiving hospital to ensure timely security screening.
- These protocols should **not** interfere with or delay EMS operations.
- If you experience significant delays or have concerns related to these procedures, please escalate to your Resource Hospital EMS coordinator.

We appreciate your collaboration as we work together to maintain a safe environment for all.

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