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TO: Region 11 EMS Providers
Region 11 EMS Participating Hospitals

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

SUBJECT: **ENDEAVOR HEALTH SWEDISH HOSPITAL EDAP UPDATE**

Effective January 13, 2026, Endeavor Health Swedish Hospital is now recognized as an Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) within the Region 11 EMS Systems.

As a result, Endeavor Health Swedish Hospital has been added to the Region 11 list of designated EDAP centers, and the [Pediatric Patient Destination Policy](#) has been updated accordingly.

Please make sure that all Region 11 Base Station staff and EMS providers are aware of this change and appropriately transport pediatric patients to the closest, most appropriate facility in accordance with regional policy.

Attached you will find the updated policy.

Please contact your Resource Hospital with any questions

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Enclosed: Updated Region 11 Pediatric Patient Destination Policy – Effective January 13, 2025

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PEDIATRIC PATIENT DESTINATION

I. PURPOSE

- A. Identify pediatric patients with complex conditions that require transport to a designated Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC).
- B. Identify pediatric patients with emergency conditions that require transport to a designated Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP).
- C. For pediatric trauma criteria and Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Centers, refer to the Trauma Patient Destination Policy.

II. PEDIATRIC CENTERS

A. Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC)

1. Hospitals that have a pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) and can provide specialty inpatient services for the pediatric patient.
2. All PCCC level centers must also maintain EDAP status.

B. Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP)

1. Hospitals that can provide comprehensive emergency services and meet pediatric emergency care requirements.
2. Pediatric emergency care requirements include appropriately trained staff, effective processes (policies, guidelines, training requirements, and quality improvement initiatives), and resources (medications, supplies, and equipment) to care for children who present to the emergency department (ED).

C. Emergency Department Without Pediatric Designation

1. Hospitals that can stabilize and may transfer pediatric patients.

III. PEDIATRIC DESTINATION CRITERIA

A. Pediatric Critical Care Center (PCCC)

1. Pediatric stroke
2. Other complex conditions that require specialty care in consultation with online medical control



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B. Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP)

1. Pediatric cardiac arrest (preferentially PCCC)
2. Status epilepticus
3. Brief Resolved Unexplained Event (BRUE)
4. Abandoned newborn

C. Emergency Department Without Pediatric Designation

1. Low acuity conditions

IV. HOSPITAL COMMUNICATION

- A. All pediatric patient transports are considered Systems of Care patients and require contact with Online Medical Control.
- B. When possible, preferential transport to the pediatric patient's medical home can facilitate timely and efficient care.
- C. Region 11 Hospitals that are Base Stations with PCCC capabilities may be contacted preferentially for Online Medical Control including refusals.
 1. Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
 2. UChicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital



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PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE CENTER (PCCC)

Advocate Christ Medical Center
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago*
Loyola University Medical Center
Rush University Medical Center
UChicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital*
UI Health

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT APPROVED FOR PEDIATRICS (EDAP)

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
Ascension Saint Joseph Hospital - Chicago
Endeavor Health Swedish Hospital
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County*
Loyola MacNeal Hospital
Mount Sinai Hospital
Northwestern Memorial Hospital
OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center
Prime Healthcare Saint Francis Hospital
Prime Healthcare Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital
Saint Anthony Hospital
West Suburban Medical Center

The following Region 11 Emergency Departments are **NOT** designated by the Illinois Department of Public Health Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program as having the essential resources and capabilities in place to meet the emergency and critical care needs of seriously ill children:

Advocate Trinity Hospital
Prime Healthcare Resurrection
Medical Center
Community First Medical Center
Holy Cross Hospital
Humboldt Park Health
Insight Hospital and Medical Center
Jackson Park Hospital & Medical
Center

Jesse Brown Veterans
Administration Medical Center
Loretto Hospital
Provident Hospital of Cook County
Roseland Community Hospital
Saint Bernard Hospital & Health
Care Center
South Shore Hospital
Thorek Memorial Hospital

***Region 11 Pediatric Level I Trauma Centers**

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