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JOHN H. STROGER JR. HOSPITAL OF COOK COUNTY  
NORTHWESTERN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MEDICAL CENTER

DATE: March 25, 2026

TO: Region 11 EMS Clinicians  
Region 11 EMS Agency Leadership  
Region 11 EMS Participating Hospitals

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

SUBJECT: **CLOSURE OF WEST SUBURBAN MEDICAL CENTER**

The Region 11 EMS Medical Directors Consortium has received notification from IDPH that West Suburban Medical Center is suspending operations by the end of the week and is currently on total EMS bypass.

As a result, West Suburban has been removed from the following Region 11 EMS transport policies and Participating Hospital list effective **immediately**.

- [Participating Hospital Responsibilities Policy](#)
- [Region 11 Organizational Structure Policy](#)
- [Pediatric Patient Destination Policy](#)
- [Perinatal \(Obstetric/Neonatal\) Patient Destination Policy](#)
- [STEMI Patient Destination Policy](#)
- [Stroke Patient Destination Policy](#)
- [Systems of Care Policy](#)

All policies have been updated and posted to the Region 11 EMS website.

**Please notify all appropriate EMS personnel and Base Station staff as soon as possible.**

Please contact your Resource Hospital EMS System Coordinator with any questions.

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