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TO: Region 11 EMS Providers  
Region 11 EMS Participating Hospitals

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

SUBJECT: **PRIME HEALTHCARE RESURRECTION MEDICAL CENTER OBSTETRIC SERVICES**

Effective October 1, 2026, at 0000, Prime Healthcare Resurrection Medical Center is suspending Obstetric services.

As a result, Resurrection Medical Center's Perinatal Level status has been updated in the [Region 11 Perinatal \(Obstetric/Neonatal\) Patient Destination Policy](#). Additionally, the [Region 11 Systems of Care Policy](#) has been updated due to this change in hospital designation. Please make sure that all Region 11 Base Station staff and EMS providers are aware of this system change and appropriately transport perinatal patients to the closest most appropriate facility in accordance with regional policy.

Attached you will find the updated policies.

Please contact your Resource Hospital with any questions

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Enclosed: Updated Region 11 Perinatal (Obstetric/Neonatal) Patient Destination Policy – Effective October 1, 2026  
Updated Region 11 Systems of Care Policy – Effective October 1, 2026

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**REGION 11  
CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM  
POLICY**

|                                                           |
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| Section: Transportation                                   |
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## **PERINATAL (OBSTETRIC/NEONATAL) PATIENT DESTINATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

1. Define a Perinatal Center as a hospital that provides high-quality maternal-fetal and neonatal care services.
2. Identify pregnant patients over 20 weeks through the immediate postpartum period (28 days after childbirth) and transport to the closest Level 2 or Level 3 Perinatal Center.
3. Evaluate pregnant patients for high-risk criteria and transport to a Level 3 Perinatal Center.

### **II. PERINATAL CENTERS**

- A. Level 3 Perinatal Center: Hospitals designated by IDPH that provide care for pregnant patients and newborns of high risk that require complex care and operate a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).
- B. Level 2 Perinatal Center: Hospitals designated by IDPH that provide care to pregnant patients and newborns of moderate risk (32 weeks or more) and operate immediate care nurseries.
- C. Level 0: Hospitals designated by IDPH with no obstetric services available.

### **III. PERINATAL (OBSTETRIC/NEONATAL) PATIENT DESTINATION CRITERIA:**

#### **A. Level 3 Perinatal Center Criteria**

1. Patients between 20-32 weeks gestation with any complaint.
2. Pregnant patients that are "high risk" category based on either of the following:
  - a. Patients have been told they are high risk in the current pregnancy
  - b. EMS judgement that the patient is high risk based on lack of prenatal care, abnormal vitals, or pregnancy complication.
3. Any prehospital delivery.

#### **B. Level 2 Perinatal Center Criteria**

1. None of the Level 3 criteria are met.
2. Patients are 32 weeks or more gestation with any complaint.

#### **C. All other pregnant or postpartum patients**

1. Less than 20 weeks estimated gestational age may be transported to the closest emergency department.



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2. Patients within immediate postpartum period (28 days after childbirth) should be transported to a Perinatal Center.

**IV. HOSPITAL COMMUNICATION**

- A. All Perinatal patients including pregnant or post-partum woman and newborn patients with a prehospital delivery are considered Systems of Care patients and require contact with Online Medical Control.
- B. When possible, transport to the patient's medical home to facilitate timely and efficient care after discussion with Online Medical Control.



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Attachment 1

## **PERINATAL CENTERS**

### **LEVEL 3 PERINATAL CENTERS**

Advocate Christ Medical Center  
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center  
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital  
Ascension Saint Joseph Hospital, Chicago  
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook  
County

Loyola University Medical Center  
Mount Sinai Hospital  
Northwestern Memorial Hospital  
Rush University Medical Center  
UChicago Medicine  
UI Health

### **LEVEL 2 PERINATAL CENTERS**

Advocate Trinity Hospital  
Prime Healthcare Saint Mary of Nazareth  
Hospital  
Endeavor Health Swedish Hospital  
Humboldt Park Health

Loyola MacNeal Hospital  
OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center  
Roseland Community Hospital  
Saint Anthony Hospital

### **NO OBSTETRIC SERVICES AVAILABLE**

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of  
Chicago  
Prime Healthcare Saint Francis Hospital  
Community First Medical Center  
Edward Hines, Jr. Veterans Affairs Hospital  
Holy Cross Hospital  
Insight Hospital & Medical Center  
Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center  
Jesse Brown Veterans Affairs Medical  
Center

Loretto Hospital  
Prime Healthcare Resurrection Medical  
Center  
Provident Hospital of Cook County  
South Shore Hospital  
St. Bernard Hospital  
Thorek Memorial Hospital

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## **REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY**

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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<br>(Obstetric & Neonatal) | STEMI & Out of Hospital<br>Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) | Stroke | Trauma                       | Ventricular Assist<br>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<br>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         |              |            | NO OB SERVICES                      | 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    |                              |                                    |