

SOUTHERN FOX VALLEY Emergency medical services system Policy & procedures

TITLE: AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS TO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS/CENTERS

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A. PURPOSE: Southern Fox Valley EMS System Providers are only allowed to transport to IDPH licensed Comprehensive Emergency Departments, and Freestanding Emergency Centers per Section 518.1100 Freestanding Emergency Center Licensure of the Administrative Code and 210 ILCS 50/32.5 Freestanding Emergency Center.

B. PROCEDURE:

- 1. The Rush Copley Emergency Center, Yorkville limits its participation in the EMS System strictly to receiving a limited number of runs by emergency medical vehicles;
- 2. Prior to transporting a patient to the Rush Copley Emergency Center, Yorkville, the EMS Providers shall contact the Freestanding Emergency Center or an EMS System hospital with their report. The Freestanding Emergency Center or EMS System hospital will inform the EMS Provider if the patient should be redirected to a comprehensive emergency department.
- 3. Any patients calls transported to the Freestanding Emergency Center will be limited to as not overwhelm the capabilities of the Freestanding Emergency Center.
- 4. After consultation with Medical Control, any patients that are likely to be admitted to a full-service hospital should be transported directly to a basic or comprehensive emergency department.
- 5. Patient acuity that should not be transported to the Freestanding Emergency Center includes but may not be limited to the following conditions:

Active Labor
Active GI Bleed
Anaphylaxis
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest or Pending Arrest
Head Injury on Anticoagulants
Hemodynamically Unstable (i.e. Hypotensive)
High Speed MVC >/ 40 mph
Long Bone Fracture with Obvious Deformity
STEMI
Stroke Symptoms-New Onset
Unresponsive
Violent/Volatile
Septic Shock

***Other patients may be redirected to a non-freestanding Emergency Department as deemed appropriate per the ECRN and/or ER MD.

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