



Division 05 **Emergency Medical**

Chapter 08 – EMS Transportation from the Department of Corrections

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POLICY

This General Order establishes guidelines for transporting ill or injured patients in the custody of the County Department of Corrections (DOC).

The Department of Corrections (DOC) relies on the Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department to transport ill or injured inmates from DOC facilities to an emergency department via our emergency medical services units.

an officer from another local/state law enforcement agency.

Priority I patients should be transported to the closest appropriate facility and notification of intended receiving facility given to DOC personnel as soon as possible.

All stable Priority II and Priority III patients that are in the custody of the Department of Corrections and not in need of an alternate specialty center should be transported to Prince George's Hospital Center.

DEFINITIONS

N/A

In the event of PGHC being on any type of diversion or "alert status", the EMS providers must consult with PGHC prior to the transport. This is to ensure that the hospital is prepared and can accept the patient from the DOC at that time.

PROCEDURES

1. General Provisions

The County Department of Corrections (DOC) has made arrangements with Prince George's Hospital Center (PGHC) to accept DOC patients needing urgent or emergency treatment. Every effort will be made to transport patients from DOC to PGHC.

Any questions regarding transports from DOC to PGHC should be directed to the EMS Quality Assurance office, at 301-583-1860, or the EMS Shift Commander.

The Prince George's Hospital Center (PGHC) has agreed to accept patients from DOC, even when they are diverting other EMS units. The hospital has made special accommodations for the unique needs of this patient population.

N/A

Patients from the Department of Corrections, shall only be transported in a secure fashion and only in the presence of a DOC officer, or

REFERENCES

N/A

FORMS/ATTACHMENTS

N/A