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Dr. Pacini,

This letter is follow-up to the bypass conversation at our last Region IX EMS Advisory meeting on March 14, 2017.

As discussed, bypass is a last resort to be strenuously avoided. If bypass must be employed, then as per review and consensus at our EMS Region and approval by leadership at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital (ALGH), while on bypass ALGH will continue to receive certain patient populations. Please see the attached additional information.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your partnership!

Sincerely,



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ALGH Selective Bypass Guidelines

May 1, 2017

In support of our community and regional healthcare peers, and in partnership with the Region IX EMS Advisory Council, ALGH is changing its bypass guidelines to selectively receive certain patient populations while on bypass.

As of May 1, 2017, ALGH will accept, or continue to accept, the following patient populations while on bypass:

- ***Adult/Pediatric Level I Trauma***
 - Trauma patients will go to the closest appropriate Trauma Center per Region IX SOP Trauma Triage Criteria, regardless of ALGH bypass status
- ***Stroke***
 - ALGH will accept stroke patients per the Region IX SOP Stroke Transport Algorithm, while on bypass, excepting when all CT scanners are non-functional or an internal disaster has occurred
- ***STEMI***
 - ALGH will accept patients with suspected STEMI per prehospital assessment and EKG findings, if ALGH is the closest appropriate hospital
- ***OB***
 - Patients in active labor or OB patients > 15 weeks gestation when their acute condition is OB in nature and ALGH is the closest appropriate hospital
- ***Unstable***
 - Adults or children with hemodynamic instability, lack of an airway, or last chance of survival per paramedic judgment will come to ALGH regardless of ALGH bypass status if ALGH is the closest appropriate hospital
- ***MPI***
 - In the event of a medium or large scale multiple patient incident, ALGH will accept patients as per the Region IX plan, regardless of ALGH bypass status

ALGH may be unable to receive ***any*** patients if bypass is caused by an internal disaster which threatens patient safety.

ALGH will make every reasonable effort to prevent declaring bypass status. Bypass status will only be declared after the hospital has exhausted all internal mechanisms to relieve the shortage of resources or to mitigate internal service disruptions.

ALGH will use its internal quality management processes to develop strategies to minimize the need for declaring bypass status.