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**Memorandum**

To: Region 9 and 10 EMS Medical Directors  
Region 9 and 10 EMS Coordinators  
Region 9 and 10 EMS Agencies  
Region 9 and 10 Trauma Center Medical Directors  
Region 9 and 10 Trauma Center Coordinators

From: Bobby Van Bebber, MSN, RN *RV*  
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Date: February 2, 2024

Subject: Vista Medical Center - East, Waukegan, IL, Trauma Center Designation Status

Effective today's date, Vista Medical Center - East located in Waukegan is no longer an Illinois Designated Level II Trauma Center in EMS Region 10.

EMS Systems affected by this change should update their trauma destination protocols and notify their respective EMS agencies immediately. Updated protocols and policies should go to your Regional EMS Coordinator and Joe Albanese for review.

For questions related to EMS, please contact your Region 10 EMS Coordinator [Andrei.Brzazgon@illinois.gov](mailto:Andrei.Brzazgon@illinois.gov) or your Region 9 EMS Coordinator [Danielle.Albinger@illinois.gov](mailto:Danielle.Albinger@illinois.gov).

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