

JEFFERSON COUNTY EMS AND TRAUMA COUNCIL

COUNTY WIDE OPERATING PROCEDURE DESTINATION POLICY

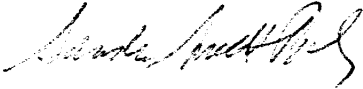
PURPOSE: To designate destination hospitals for patients receiving care within Jefferson County

POLICY: All patients transported by Jefferson County EMS Agencies will be taken to the closest appropriate hospital in compliance with Northwest EMS Regional Patient Care Protocols.

PROCEDURE:

- 1 Patients shall be taken to the closest appropriate hospital based on their chief complaint, condition and in field clinical assessment.
- 2 Deviation from this policy will occur from time to time. Examples include, desire of patient or family members, severity of the medical condition encountered or the inability of the closest hospital to accept the patient. In all instances, except for patient/family desire, EMS providers will attempt consult with and/or notify their medical control physician of the reasons for variation.

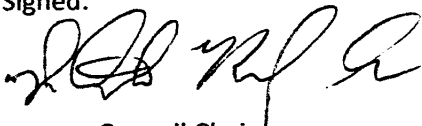
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Council Chair

Date: 2-1-2011