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TO: EMS Operational Programs

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RE: Transports to Providence Hospital (Health Care Facility #288)

The Office of the State EMS Medical Director has become aware of significant limitations in emergency care services available at Providence Hospital, located at 1150 Varnum Street NE, Washington, DC 20017.

Effective immediately, this facility is not an appropriate destination for patients transported by Maryland jurisdictional (911/public safety) EMS operational programs. EMS providers should not consider this facility to be a transport destination, even as the "closest facility," due to the significant decrease in services required to stabilize critically ill patients. EMS jurisdictions will be contacted by MIEMSS with any updates to this guidance. For further information on this matter, please contact your MIEMSS Regional Administrator or the Office of the State EMS Medical Director.

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