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**Re: MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center – Change in Designation to a Thrombectomy Capable Primary Stroke Center (TCPSC)**

MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center, located at 9000 Franklin Square Drive, Baltimore, MD 21237, has been designated by MIEMSS as a Thrombectomy Capable Primary Stroke Center. Effective immediately, stroke patients with suspected large vessel occlusion (LAMS score of 4 or greater) may be transported to MSFSMC.

As a reminder, stroke patients who meet all of the following criteria should be transported to a Comprehensive Stroke Center or a Thrombectomy Capable Primary Stroke Center, if one is available within 30 minutes:

- Adult acute stroke patients (> 18 years of age), AND
- Positive Cincinnati Stroke Scale or positive Posterior Cerebellar Assessment, AND
- Los Angeles Motor Scale (LAMS) score of 4 or greater, AND
- Patient can be delivered to the hospital within 22 hours of last time known well

If the transport time to a Comprehensive Stroke Center or a Thrombectomy Capable Primary Stroke Center exceeds 30 minutes, the patient should be transported to the closest designated Acute Stroke Ready or Primary Stroke Center. If there is not a stroke center within 30 minutes, the patient should be transported to the nearest hospital.

For more information, please contact the MIEMSS Office of the Medical Director.