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To: EMS Providers, All MCEMS System Stakeholders

Subject: Wheaton Franciscan Health System Designated Ebola Receiving Center

Purpose: Inform destination policy

In an effort to focus clinical preparedness, care and disease containment, The Wheaton Franciscan Health System has designated St. Joseph's Hospital as their health system's receiving hospital for stable patients suspected of Ebola Virus Disease.

Any stable Wheaton Franciscan Health System (All Saints, Elmbrook Memorial, Franklin, St. Francis, and the Wisconsin Heart Hospital) patient that screens positive for the **MCEMS Code Infection Alert: Ebola** process should be transported to St. Joseph's Hospital. This destination change **ONLY** impacts patients belonging to or choosing a Wheaton Franciscan Health System hospital. Since St. Joseph's will serve as the designated receiving EVD hospital for their health system, **THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO DIVERT PATIENTS THAT SCREEN POSITIVE FOR THE CODE INFECTION ALERT: EBOLA PROCESS.** They may be able to divert other ambulances per routine policy.

Unstable patients will be transported to the closest, most appropriate hospital.

All other MCEMS receiving hospitals will continue to accept Code Infection Alert: Ebola at this time. You will be updated if this changes.