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From: Ben Weston, MD, MPH, Medical Director

To: All EMS Providers, EMS Communications, EMS Receiving Hospitals

Subject: Hospital Status Change for Ascension St. Francis

Purpose: Directive

Situation

Due to changes in cath lab availability, **Ascension St. Francis** is unable to provide 24/7 emergent cardiac catheterization capability to the EMS system.

Background

- STEMI and RESUS receiving hospitals for the EMS system should be able to provide these services on a 24/7 basis
- Delays to cardiac catheterization for patients with acute STEMI increase mortality
- Delays to cardiac catheterization for a subset of RESUS patients may increase mortality
- The Milwaukee County EMS system values access to safe and high quality care with informed patient decision making

Assessment

While Ascension St. Francis is a valuable hospital partner, there are other STEMI/RESUS hospitals within the Milwaukee County EMS System that can provide 24/7 cardiac catheterization support and may be a more appropriate destination for CODE STEMI and RESUS patients.

Directive

Effective immediately, Ascension St. Francis is no longer a STEMI or RESUS Receiving Hospital for patients within the Milwaukee County EMS System. EMS providers should ideally not transport STEMI or RESUS patients to this facility and should seek an alternate appropriate destination. Ascension St. Francis will continue as a receiving facility for all other conditions outlined by the MCEMS Standards of Care, which will be updated soon.

Please contact Dr Ben Weston or Dan Pojar if you have any questions.

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