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# NUMBERED NOTICE

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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

Beginning Wednesday December 21, 2022, **Ascension St. Francis Hospital** will no longer provide obstetric services to patients in active labor.

## Background

- The Milwaukee County EMS system values access to safe and high quality care with informed patient decision making
- Receiving hospitals with obstetric services should be able to provide these services on a 24/7 basis
- The facility where the patient is receiving prenatal care is preferred

## Assessment

While Ascension St. Francis Hospital is a valuable hospital partner, there are other hospitals within the Milwaukee County EMS System that provide obstetrical services and are a more appropriate destination for patients in active labor.

## Directive

Effective immediately, Ascension St. Francis Hospital is no longer an OB receiving hospital for patients within the Milwaukee County EMS System. EMS providers should ideally not transport patients in active labor to this facility and should seek an alternate appropriate destination. Ascension St. Francis Hospital will continue as a receiving facility for all other conditions outlined by the MCEMS Standards of Care.

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

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