



Operational Policy
INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT

POLICY: Upon request, a Milwaukee County EMS unit may perform an Interfacility Transport (IFT) of a patient from one Health Care Facility to another Health Care Facility within the Milwaukee County EMS system in accordance with system Operational Policies and Practice Guidelines. Per DHS 110, agencies fulfilling these transports shall hold an IFT license with the state of Wisconsin.

Patient Presentation:
Inclusion Criteria
1. Upon 9-1-1 request, FD capable of providing transport from one health care facility to another health care facility
2. FD holds an IFT license with WI DHS

***DHS Interfacility Transport Licensure**
WI DHS 110. 04(37) Definition
'Interfacility transport' means any transfer of a patient between health care facilities or any non-emergent transfer of a patient.

Hospital readiness
ED prepares transfer records for door in/door out goal of 10 minutes

Eligible hospital staff available for transport must include individual with license, knowledge, and capability of managing the aspect of care outside of EMS scope.

Transfer of Care report to EMS to include:

- Two factor authentication
- Pt presentation and reason for transfer
- Vital sign trends, interventions performed, medication given, images obtained and important result
- Transfer destination and accepting physician name
- Hand off of patient chart for next facility

Fire Dept IFT response
Community 911 response takes precedence over IFT

Transporting EMS unit is responsible for following all OEM EMS Practice Guidelines

IFT is different than 911 response. The transferring physician will determine destination and initiation of care, prior to EMS performing the IFT. The indication for this transfer might bypass other county assets who can provide similar care (STEMI/Stroke) facilities due to prearranged planning by the sending facility.

FDs can decide based on operational planning or at the time of call whether they have the ability to perform the requested IFT.

Contact OLMC for questions or concerns (i.e. orders of sending physician, transport destination questions)

Quality Improvement:
Key documentation elements

- Reason for ED transfer
- Care provided prior to EMS transport
- Planned care within EMS scope

