

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

A-19 HOSPITAL BYPASS DIVERSION

- Patients will be transported to the nearest hospital as outlined in Hospital Bypass Diversion SOP of the Regional EMS Plan.
- System Hospital shall notify the Resource Hospital when such hospital goes on Bypass/Diversion status. Conditions for bypass status include:
 - An Internal Disaster occurs in the hospital.
 - There are no critical or monitored beds and appropriate personnel available in the hospital.
- Bypass status may not be honored if three or more hospitals within a geographic area are on bypass and transport time by ambulance to the nearest facility exceeds 15 minutes.
- Patients with life-threatening emergencies cannot be diverted by System hospitals regardless of bypass status.