

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

B-1 RESOURCE HOSPITAL OVERRIDE

Definition:

An override call occurs when the Resource Hospital personnel take over a telemetry call directed to an Associated Hospital. The override may be requested by the EMT in the field or be initiated by the physician or the ECRN at the Resource Hospital.

Situations for Resource Hospital Overrides:

The Resource Hospital may override an Associate Hospital's orders when the Associate Hospital's orders are not in compliance with System protocols or if the orders being given may lead to the patient's immediate death.

Procedure:

- Announce over the radio being used that this call is being taken over by Memorial Hospital of Carbondale:
 - This is the Resource Hospital - MHC on override.
 - All personnel to stand by.
 - Tell the EMT to proceed with the call following directions only from the Resource Hospital.
- Finish the call, directing care appropriately for the situation.
- It is necessary that the Resource Hospital Emergency Department ECRN notify the EMS MD and the EMS System Coordinator as soon as possible after the override.
- The ECRN will document the run on the ECRN ALS form and complete a System reporting form and submit it to the EMS office immediately.
- The EMS MD and EMS Coordinator will contact and/or meet with all involved parties within 72 hours to critique the run.
- The involved Associate Hospital Emergency Department personnel will include their recording of the run, ambulance report form, and patient emergency record to aid in the run critique.