

SOUTHEAST ARIZONA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

RECEIVING FACILITY PROTOCOL

1. Definition- As defined under 36-2201-17- “Emergency receiving facility” means a licensed general hospital or rural general hospital that offers emergency medical services, is staffed twenty-four hours a day and has a physician on call.
2. All licensed general hospitals or rural general hospitals shall in accordance with any other state statutes and /or regulations receive any and all patient types when presented by an ambulance, as defined by regional protocols.
3. An “Emergency receiving facility” as defined by law shall not set predetermined parameters for patient acceptance, unless a regionally approved divert protocol is in effect, or regional field triage protocols prevail.
4. All patients received by such facilities shall receive initial management specific to the patient needs, and if necessary, arrangements must be made for transferring/transporting the patient to another facility for continuing care.
5. “Emergency receiving facilities” may be:
 1. A licensed general hospital or rural general hospital that is designated as a Base Hospital by Department of Health Services – Bureau of Emergency Medical Services guidelines, that provides on-line medical control, or
 2. A licensed general hospital or rural general hospital that is designated as a Centralized Medical Direction Communication Center by Department of Health Services- Bureau of Emergency Medical Services guidelines that provides on-line medical control, but does not meet the definition of a Base Hospital, or
 3. A licensed general hospital or rural general hospital that can receive patient medical information via radio or telephone patch through either a Base Hospital or Centralized Medical Direction Communication Center, but cannot provide on-line medical control.

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