

- I. As defined under ARS 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.
- II. 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.
- III. An "Emergency receiving facility" as defined by law shall not set predetermined parameters for patient acceptance, unless a regionally approved triage protocol is applied.
- IV. 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.
- V. "Emergency receiving facilities" may be:
  - A. 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 direction, or
  - B. 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 direction, but does not meet the definition of a Base Hospital, or
  - C. 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 direction.