

	CLEARFIELD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / 9-1-1 Standard Operating Procedures	Initial:
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	Subject: Emergency Department Status	

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT STATUS

Any information on emergency room and hospital status of the various hospitals should be relayed to the Communications Center by an official hospital representative - specifically designated by the hospital to do so - except in the case of "Temporary Diversion", in which the physician in charge of the emergency room or his/her delegate should notify. (The nature of these status designations is purely informative and never considered being absolute denial of access to a restricted status facility.)

- Status classifications:
 1. Open - normal status will not be broadcast.
 2. No critical care beds. This will be reported to the EMS services by telephone whenever the Communications Center is made aware of such status. County EMA on call personnel must be notified of this situation so that a PEIRS report can be filed with PEMA.
 3. Temporary diversion. This status means there will be no Emergency Room treatment available. This status will be reported to the paid EMS services by telephone whenever the Communications Center is made aware of such status. The Volunteer services will be made aware of such status whenever they are dispatched and upon responding to an emergency call. County EMA on call personnel must be notified of this situation so that a PEIRS report can be filed with PEMA.
 4. No available beds - treat and release only. This will be reported to the paid EMS services by telephone whenever the Communications Center is made aware of such status. The Volunteer services will be made aware of such status whenever they are dispatched and upon responding to an emergency call. County EMA on call personnel must be notified of this situation so that a PEIRS report can be filed with PEMA.