

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

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To: EMS Providers
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Subject: Hospital Diversion Communications Procedure

Beginning September 15th, in the event of a hospital diversion, Comm. Center will initiate the following interim procedure.

At time of notification Comm. Center will:

- Initiate a station ring down including H2 and announce on FD-DSP
- Will fax information to all fire stations for contract agencies
- Will notify Woodacre dispatch centers
- Will notify private ambulance dispatch center
- Will contact other Marin hospitals and GGNRA
- Will advise transport field units at time of transport, only if they are on a call at time of announcement
- If a diversion has been pending overnight, will re-broadcast at 0800 hrs.
- If a diversion occurs between 2200-0800 hrs, Comm. Center will advise all transport units of diversion at time of dispatch

We will review this procedure in 180 days; after the review period any appropriate changes, if needed, may be made to the procedure and then adopted as policy.