

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL** (PARAMEDIC, MICN)  
**TRANSITIONAL TRANSPORT GUIDELINES** REFERENCE NO. 505

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PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for determining the appropriate receiving facility for patients requiring 911 ambulance transport in areas immediately surrounding the newly opened Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital (MLK).

AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220

PRINCIPLES:

1. Optimal patient care is achieved when patients are transported to a facility equipped, staffed and prepared to administer emergency care in a timely manner.
2. MLK is approved as a 911 Receiving Hospital and a Perinatal Center only. Patients who meet criteria or guidelines for transport to the following specialty care centers: Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP); Pediatric Medical Center (PMC), Pediatric Trauma Center (PTC); Trauma Center; STEMI Receiving Center (SRC), Approved Stroke Center (ASC); or Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Center, shall be transported to the most accessible and appropriate specialty care center.
3. 911 transports to MLK and system impact will be closely monitored by the EMS Agency to ensure efficient utilization and patient safety. Adjustments may be made as needed.

POLICY:

- I. Emergency transport of patients to MLK
  - A. **MLK does not have a service area**, but is adjacent to two existing service areas – that of Memorial Hospital of Gardena and Centinela Hospital Medical Center.

In order to allow the hospital to provide optimum care in a timely manner during this transitional phase, patients from incident locations within the defined MLK Transitional Transport Guideline boundaries may be transported to MLK. This will include incidents locations in the following areas:

1. South of Imperial Highway
2. North of Rosecrans Avenue
3. East of Avalon Boulevard
4. West of Alameda Street

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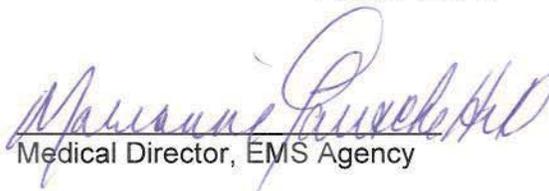
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- B. Destination policies regarding existing service area hospitals remain in effect. The only changes to the service area boundaries are:
1. Memorial Hospital of Gardena
    - a. Northern boundary: El Segundo Boulevard (reduced from Alameda Street to Avalon Boulevard)
    - b. Eastern boundary: Avalon Boulevard (to Rosecrans Avenue); Alameda Street
- C. Per Reference No. 502, Patient Destination, patient requests for transport to health plans, including requests for transport to MLK, should be evaluated as to whether the patient's condition is stable enough to tolerate a longer transport time and the request would not unreasonably remove the ALS unit from its primary area of response.
- II. ED Saturation
- A. Should ED resources become overwhelmed, MLK may request diversion of ALS transports due to ED saturation via the ReddiNet. EMS providers and surrounding base hospitals are encouraged to honor this request to the best of their ability.
  - B. If the surrounding receiving hospitals (St. Francis Medical Center, Long Beach Memorial, Kaiser-Downey, Lakewood Regional Medical Center, PIH Downey) have all requested diversion due to ED saturation, EMS providers and surrounding base hospitals may consider transport to Memorial Hospital of Gardena (provided it has not requested to "lift its service area boundaries/ED diversion").
- III. MLK Multi-Ambulatory Care Center (MACC)
- A. Ambulance transports from the MACC should be transported to MLK, or other facility as determined by the base hospital or arranged by the Medical Alert Center.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Reference No. 502, **Patient Destination**

Reference No. 504, **Trauma Patient Destination**

Reference No. 505.1, **MLK Transitional Transport Guideline Map**

Reference No. 508, **Sexual Assault Patient Destination**

Reference No. 509, **Service Area Hospital**

Reference No. 509.1, **Service Area for Centinela Hospital Medical Center**

Reference No. 509.2, **Service Area for Memorial Hospital of Gardena**

Reference No. 510, **Pediatric Patient Destination**

Reference No. 511, **Perinatal Patient Destination**

Reference No. 513, **STEMI Patient Destination**

Reference No. 521, **Stroke Patient Destination**