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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE POLICY

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SUBJECT: HOSPITAL RECEIVING STATUS

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1.0 Purpose

To define hospital statuses used by EMSystems which the field relies on for determining which hospital is able to receive a patient.

2.0 Definitions

A hospital's receiving status is characterized by status codes. The most common used codes are:

- Code Green - the hospital is open to all EMS responses.
- Code Yellow - the hospital is open to all but potentially critical patients.
- Code Red - the hospital is open only to patients "in extremis" (immediate life threatening conditions, for example: cardiac or respiratory arrest) or specialized patients.
- Code Black – Lockdown (active shooter, hostage, bomb threat, disaster)

The default hospital receiving status is Code Green. Code Yellow and Code Red are each a restricted receiving status and must be reported by the hospital. Code Black is a complete lockdown, no patients will be received.

3.0 Changes in Status

Changes in hospital receiving status will be managed by the local hospitals via the EMSystem web based system. NetCom will maintain the ability to monitor current hospital receiving status and if a field unit makes an inquiry of the current hospital receiving status, NetCom will obtain that information via EMSystem.