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ENTER NAME/TITLE HERE (signature on line below): DR. RITU SAHNI, MD, MPH, FAEMS		TITLE: REACTIVATION OF HOSPITAL-INITIATED DIVERSION OF EMS PATIENTS.		

Hello!

The temporary EMS suspension of hospital-initiated diversion is scheduled to expire at 0700 on 1/4/23. Our new protocols, which include a change in the diversion policies, is not scheduled to start until 1/9/23.

This memo is notification that:

The 2023 update to the EMS ambulance diversion guideline (Protocol 50.015) will start on 1/4/23 at 0700.

The updated protocol includes (but not limited to) the following changes:

- Diversion is limited to 2 hours.
- Once coming off diversion, it will be 2 hours until a hospital can go back on diversion
- If all hospitals in a zone go on divert, then the zone manager will immediately make all hospitals green.
- THERE WILL BE NO ACTIVE ZONE MANAGEMENT

Also, as a reminder, diversion is simply a request to the EMS system and not to be construed as an “order” or requirement.

We appreciate your support and hard work during this particularly stressful time.



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