

General Order

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Subject: Implementation of "Direct to Triage" Protocol

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Effective immediately the Department of Fire & EMS will be implementing the MIEMSS "Direct to Triage" Protocol. This protocol will allow our EMS crews to validate low acuity patients via the triage nurse and then relocate them to the waiting room. It is incumbent upon all providers who utilize this protocol to strictly adhere to the procedural elements with an emphasis being placed on the following criteria:

- 1. Current vital signs/patient assessment
- 2. Completion of applicable MIEMSS "short form"
- 3. Direct communication with an ER triage nurse
- 4. Maintain a professional/cordial demeanor during all interactions
- 5. This may be utilized at Carroll Hospital and other facilities that have implemented the protocol.

