



McLean County Area EMS System

TITLE: EMS SUPPLY EXCHANGE AT ADVOCATE BROMENN MEDICAL CENTER EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

POLICY STATEMENT:

Ambulance patients are transported to the Advocate BroMenn Emergency Trauma Center on a daily basis. The EMS agency may replace disposable medical supplies with like items from the Emergency Trauma Center on an item per item basis for patients transported to Advocate BroMenn Medical Center.

GOAL/PURPOSE:

To insure the item per item replacement of disposable medical supplies for patients transported to Advocate BroMenn Medical Center.

POLICY:

- A. The EMS agency may replace disposable medical supplies with like items from the Emergency Trauma Center on an item per item basis for patients transported to Advocate BroMenn Medical Center.
- B. The EMS Agency member shall complete a "Patient Charge" form which indicates what items were exchanged.
- C. When the form is completed, the EMS Agency member shall submit the form to the ED Staff. The ED Staff member shall assist the EMS provider in the procurement of the replacement items.
- D. Backboards and other reusable equipment that must remain for a time in the Emergency/Trauma Center due to patient condition, may be retrieved by the EMS personnel at a later date.
- E. The Ambulance Agency may replace soiled linen with clean linen from the linen cart kept in the ambulance garage.
- F. EMS Agencies are encouraged to carry a sufficient supply of equipment so that immediate restocking of non-disposable equipment is not necessary in most cases. Agencies are also encouraged to clearly label their equipment with the agency name so that the equipment may be retrieved at a later date.
- G. If there is not a sufficient supply of replacement equipment, agencies should wait until the equipment is released by the Emergency Department staff.
- H. EMS Agencies are strongly discouraged from replacing their equipment with other ambulance services' equipment. Any individual doing so may be subject to disciplinary action by the EMS System.
- I. EMS personnel should properly clean and disinfect non-disposable equipment after each pt. use.