

## **Hungerford Emergency Medical Center EMS Diversion Protocol**

Patients identified as unstable, in imminent cardiac arrest, and/or patients with an unsecurable airway will be transported to the **closest Emergency Department or Emergency Center**.

### **EMS Diversion**

HEMC will divert patients transported by ambulance who:

- Will arrive after 2000
- Are considered trauma patients under State of Connecticut guidelines
- Require treatment for a suspected sexual assault
- Require treatment for an orthopedic injury with deformity and/or circulatory or neurological deficits
- Require treatment for suicidal ideation
- Require detox
- Are violent
- Have had CPAP applied prehospitally
- Are found to be hypercapneic with an end tidal CO<sub>2</sub> > 50mmHg upon Paramedic assessment
- Are found to have a room air oxygen saturation < 88%
- Are found to have altered mental status in the setting of normal blood glucose levels
- Are found to have a Cincinnati Stroke Scale score > 0