

2083

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Brief Description: Establishing emergency service requirements for hospitals.

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Requires a hospital to provide emergency services twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week in a designated area of the hospital. A hospital shall meet all the requirements for emergency facilities that are established by the department and shall provide emergency services in a manner that meets the requirements established by federal law for the medical screening and stabilization of patients, including women in active labor, who present to the hospital for emergency services.

Provides that a hospital providing emergency services under this act shall have, at a minimum, the following: (1) A physician who is qualified to provide emergency services immediately available in the hospital;

(2) A roster of on-call medical staff members; and

(3) Procedures to minimize a patient's risk until the patient is transported or transferred to another hospital if emergency services cannot be provided at the hospital to meet the needs of the patient in an emergency.

Requires a specialty hospital providing emergency services under this act to maintain a transfer agreement with a general hospital that establishes the process for patient transfers in a situation in which the specialty hospital cannot provide continuing care for a patient because of the specialty hospital's scope of services.