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To: Missouri EMS Medical Directors
Through: William Koebel, Interim Administrator, HSL
From: Les Jobe, Chief, Bureau of EMS
Date: 8/12/2014
Re: Transport Protocols for Stroke Patients

The Department of Health & Senior Services, Bureau of Hospital Standards has been diligently working on completing inspections of hospitals for stroke designation. Tentatively, the announcement of stroke designated hospitals will occur in December of 2014. (STEMI designations will occur in the future after stroke designations)

At the time the designations are announced, the Bureau of EMS will begin enforcing 190.243 RSMo regarding the transport of stroke patients. This statute establishes requirements for the transport of trauma, STEMI, or stroke patients.

As provided in 190.200.3 RSMo., regulatory requirements relevant to the transport of stroke patients may be waived by the proper submission and approval of a “community-based or regional transport plan.” This process is detailed in 19 CSR 30-40.770. This process must be strictly followed for successful approval.

It is important to understand that any type of waiver is not available to any service until the community-based or regional transport plan has been approved as indicated in 19 CSR 30-40.770. In the absence of an approved plan, compliance with the requirements set out in 190.243 will be required.

At this time (July 10, 2014), no community-based or regional transport plans have been received or approved by the Department through the process indicated in 19 CSR 30-40.770.

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