September 20, 2021

Dear Provider:

We wanted to let you know that the State EMS Commission has approved Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital (PMCH) at Ascension St. Vincent Indianapolis’ application to be considered a Level I “in the process” pediatric trauma center for the purposes of the State Triage and Transport Rule which the Commission adopted in 2012. The Commission’s approval of PMCH’s application came after the Indiana State Trauma Care Committee and State Health Commissioner Kristina Box, MD, recommended that the application be approved.

This means that EMS providers may now transport the most seriously injured patients to PMCH in full compliance with the Triage and Transport Rule, effective immediately. The Rule mandates that trauma patients classified as Step 1 and Step 2 by the CDC Field Triage Decision Scheme must be taken to a trauma center unless it is more than 45 minutes away or if the patient’s life is endangered by going directly to a trauma center.

PMCH will now have two (2) years to become verified as a Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) or lose its “in the process of ACS verification” status under the Triage and Transport Rule. For more information about the Triage and Transport Rule, visit: http://www.in.gov/isdh/19537.htm.

With its approval, PMCH now becomes the state’s 25th trauma center. If you have any questions, feel free to contact my office at 317-234-2865.

Sincerely,

Brian Busching
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Indiana State Department of Health

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