

## Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

<b>Title: Ambulance Destination Policy</b>	<b>Effective Date: December 1998</b> <b>Page: 1 of 1</b>
<b>Policy #1998-9</b>	<b>Revised: May 2004</b>

<b>Policy:</b>	<p>Under Article 30 of New York State Public Health Code, the Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee is charged to develop prehospital patient treatment, triage, and transportation protocols. The New York State Department of Health allows ambulance transportation to non-Article 28 (non hospital) facilities as an option.</p> <p>In our region, it has been unanimously decided by the WREMAC, that 911 transports are only to go to Article 28 facilities. If the patient requests transportation to HMO's, urgent care centers, private physician offices, etc. this must be done outside of the 911-system. The patient may, for example, call the ambulance company directly and request non – emergency transportation.</p> <p>Be advised that volunteer agencies, unless indicated in their charter with the township or village they are based in, have no legal obligation to provide non-emergency transportation.</p> <p>There are enough venues such as wheelchair vans, taxi cabs, public transportation, etc. which are a more cost effective method to provide transportation.</p>
<b>Procedure:</b>	
<b>Reference:</b>	Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee Minutes, December 1998 – Unfinished Business Report.