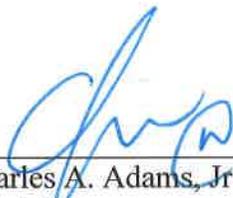


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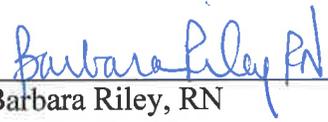
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Purpose: To establish standard age criteria for the intake of pediatric patients who are transported by emergency medical service (EMS) providers to the Hasbro Children's Hospital Emergency Department and the Rhode Island Hospital Anderson Emergency Center.

Policy:

1. All patients younger than 18 years of age arriving by EMS transport or transfer will be accepted by the Hasbro Emergency Department.
2. Hasbro Children's Hospital Emergency Department accepts all medical, surgical and trauma patients younger than 18 years of age and patients 18 years and older who are cared for by pediatric or adolescent physicians.
3. Adult and pediatric patients with traumatic injuries who arrive by EMS as "mixed bundles" (e.g. parent and child) should be transported to either Rhode Island Hospital Anderson Emergency Center or Hasbro Emergency Department based on the age of the more critically injured patient as assessed by the EMS providers. Further triage or transfer of the patients will be carried out internally by hospital staff.