

Michigan *EMERGENCY* COVID-19 PANDEMIC

PRIVILEGING AND PARTICIPATING FACILITIES RELEASE DURING COVID-19 RESPONSE

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Privileging and Participating Facilities Release During COVID-19 Response

Purpose: Establish a mechanism allowing EMS agencies/Medical Control Authorities (MCA) to give prehospital care across jurisdictional boundaries during the COVID-19 response.

- 1. During the COVID-19 response all MCA, EMS Agencies, and Emergency Departments assist and support each other. This provides an approved/authorized process allowing EMS agencies to function within an MCA during the COVID-19 response.
- Requests for support may be made to the MCA or EMS agencies within the state through each MCA's local Healthcare Coalition. Response is dependent on the availability of equipment and personnel.
- 3. For the purpose of load balancing hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic, personnel and agencies from different MCAs will be allowed to operate in any MCA for the duration of the response.
 - a. Personnel should function according to the protocols of their home MCA.
 - b. When need diminishes, previously approved privileging protocols will be immediately reinstated.
 - c. Agencies operating under this protocol during the COVID-19 response will return to their normal approved response areas when the need for cross-MCA function has lapsed.