

## AMBULANCE DIVERSIONS BY THE RECEIVING HOSPITAL

# E- 016

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The Union Vale Fire District is committed to providing the best possible care to users of its EMS system. Every effort is made to transport patients to hospital facilities appropriate to their situation. In the course of transporting a patient, Dutchess 911 may advise the ambulance that the receiving hospital is on diversion and request that the ambulance transport to another hospital. If it does not cause harm to the patient the request should be complied with. The patient and / or family members should be consulted regarding a new hospital destination. Medical control may be contacted for assistance. If the patient is unstable and the hospital requesting diversion is the closest appropriate hospital the ambulance crew should advise the hospital of the patient's condition and expected arrival. If a patient demands to be transported to the hospital on diversion advise the hospital to expect arrival. The hospital may not refuse care for a patient presented.