

## CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM POLICY & PROCEDURES

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## **PURPOSE:**

To ensure that when safe to do so, EMS personnel perform all duties and services without discrimination to those in need.

## **POLICY:**

EMS personnel have a duty to perform all care and services without unlawful discrimination. Care and services are to be providers to all patients in need, unrestricted by nationality, race, creed, sex, social or economic status, sexual orientation, disability, past medical history or interactions, or the nature of the health problem.

- 1. No individual will be refused assessment, care or treatment by EMS personnel based on the individual's disability or disease process.
- 2. All individuals will be treated fairly, openly and honestly without a change in the standard of care or conduct based on disability, illness, injury or past interactions.
- 3. Every reasonable accommodation will be made to provide effective alternate communication methods to individuals with a disability or language barrier to ensure best possible care.
- 4. No patient in need will be refused service based on ability to pay

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