

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-4C-26

## **§16-4C-26. Triage, treat, and transport to alternative destination.**

(a) An emergency medical services agency may triage and transport a patient to an alternative destination in this state or treat in place if the emergency medical services agency is coordinating the care of the patient through medical command or telehealth services with a physician for a medical-based complaint or with a behavioral health specialist for a behavioral-based complaint. Emergency medical services agencies shall execute a memorandum of understanding with alternative treatment destinations as permitted by the protocols to transport patients.

(b) On or before October 1, 2024, the director shall establish protocols for emergency medical services agencies to triage, treat, and transport to alternative destinations.