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**Steward Satellite Emergency Facility-Quincy (QSEF)**  
**Point-of-Entry Considerations**  
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**The Steward Satellite Emergency Facility-Quincy (QSEF)** will preserve and maintain the same level of initial emergency evaluation and stabilization that has been provided to the Quincy community at the Quincy Medical Center (QMC) Emergency Department (ED). The QSEF will be a satellite on the license of Steward Carney Hospital (Carney). Carney staff will oversee the quality, safety, regulatory compliance and coordination of care delivery at the QSEF. The QMC ED leadership team will stay in place and will provide continuity for the transition. QSEF physicians will be credentialed members of the Carney Medical Staff, privileged in Emergency Medicine. The nurses will be employed by Carney and will have experience in working in the emergency department in accordance with a Department-approved waiver. Ancillary staff, including pharmacy, laboratory and radiology will be employed by Carney and certified in their fields. CT and acute radiology imaging will be available onsite 24/7. Emergency ultrasound will continue to be available at the hours currently provided at QMC. The lab will be fully staffed and equipped to support a full service ED. QSEF will not have MRI capability.

**The QMC ED was not a point of entry for major trauma, ST elevation myocardial infarctions, second and third trimester obstetrical emergencies. This practice will remain in place.** The QSEF will not have an OR, onsite specialty consultation, or beds for inpatient or observation admissions. Patients who, after ED stabilization and evaluation, meet criteria for admission and or specialty consultation will be transferred by a contracted EMS provider to Carney or an appropriate inpatient facility for definitive treatment.

**Medical Control Utilization: Outlining every clinical scenario and point of entry (POE) is not possible. EMS is to utilize Medical Control for additional direction.**

**The following guidelines are intended to facilitate field decisions regarding transport to closest or most appropriate health care facility, be it QSEF or an acute care hospital:**

**Trauma:** There will be no change from the current POE protocol. Statewide trauma field triage criteria and point of entry shall be followed, as set forth in the Massachusetts

Department of Public Health (DPH) current Statewide Trauma Field Triage and Point of Entry Plan.

**OB:** There will be no change from the current POE protocol. Pregnant patients in their first trimester can be taken to QSEF for evaluation, stabilization and definitive care as currently occurs. All pregnant patients in second/third semester with obstetrical complaints shall be taken to closest acute care hospital that has full mother-baby capability. An exception to the above would be imminent delivery that would require QSEF entry for delivery and stabilization. In such instances, a transfer agreement would be in effect between QSEF and St Elizabeth's Medical Center or other obstetric facility.

**Pre-hospital STEMI:** There will be no change from the current POE protocol. Patients with clinical and EKG evidence of STEMI shall be brought to the closest interventional (PCI) center, in accordance with the DPH Statewide STEMI Point of Entry Plan, as is currently done

**Shock:** Patients in shock shall be taken directly to the closest acute care hospital ED, not the QSEF.

**The following clinical conditions may be transported to QSEF as per current POE criteria:**

**Stroke/TIA:** There will be no change from the current POE protocol. The Department will transfer the primary stroke service designation that QMC had to QSEF, as it has a response team and available 24/7 CT capabilities on site. QSEF will continue to have telestroke capabilities. Current transfer agreements with St Elizabeth Center or Partners Health Care will be maintained.

**Critical care and cardiac arrest patients:** There will be no change from the current POE protocol. Patients with airway, breathing, circulation or obstetrical emergencies that cannot be supported in the field to enable additional transport time will enter at QSEF for emergent stabilization and transfer.

**Behavioral Patients:** There will be no change from the current QMC POE protocol. Patients with behavioral emergencies may be transported to QSEF.

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