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Maine EMS has received notification that Central Maine Medical Center (in Lewiston, Maine) will no longer seek verification as a Trauma Center as of December 1, 2025. This change means they no longer qualify as a Trauma Center and instead are considered a Trauma System Hospital. Please recall, Trauma Centers are defined as hospitals committed and able to provide a comprehensive array of trauma care and Trauma System support resources, designated by the American College of Surgeons verification as a Level I, II, or III trauma center. Trauma System Hospitals are defined as all hospitals that are not Regional Trauma Centers. They provide effective and efficient clinical decision-making and trauma care, assure appropriate consultation and, when required, effect appropriate transfer to other facilities.

Maine EMS, the Maine EMS Trauma Advisory Committee, Central Maine Medical Center Leadership, and the remaining Trauma Centers have been meeting regularly to discuss these changes and to understand the potential impacts.

Destination of trauma patients after December 1st, 2025 should be based on the Maine EMS Trauma Triage Protocol (<u>Green 1 & 2</u>), meaning, trauma patients at HIGH or MODERATE risk for serious injuries should be preferentially transported to a Trauma Center if the total transport time is less than 45 minutes. Otherwise, the patient should be transported to the closest Trauma System Hospital. Please also recall that if a patient has emergent needs, including acute airway or hemodynamic needs, the patient should be transported to the closest and most accessible/appropriate hospital.

For questions, please contact your Maine EMS Regional Manager: Region 1 Rob Glaspy (Robert.C.Glaspy@maine.gov), Region 2 Melissa Adams (Melissa.F.Adams@maine.gov), Regions 3 & 4 Jason Oko (Jason.A.Oko@maine.gov) or submit a support ticket to Maine EMS at https://support.maineems.org/helpdesk/index.php?a=add.

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