

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
POLICY

SUBJECT: **AMBULANCE AND NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORT SERVICE**

ANNUAL REVIEW MONTH: January

RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW: Chief Nurse Executive

LAST REVISION DATE: January 2008

It is the policy of the hospital to preserve human life and relieve suffering. Due to the size of the hospital and variety of its services, it is necessary to secure emergency ambulance service. Oconee Regional Medical Center Emergency Medical Services Department by virtue of being the zoned provider for this area, is responsible for providing optimal emergency ambulance service within the available resources of the hospital in compliance with Chapter 290-5-30, Ambulance Service, Rules of Department of Human Resources (DHR). Emergency ambulance service will be provided for clients, and any person who sustains an injury or becomes acutely ill while on the grounds of the hospital, subject to available Emergency Medical Services (EMS) resources. At the discretion of an attending physician or dentist, any person (other than hospital clients) who has received emergency care may be transported by ambulance to any medical facility in Baldwin County at their request. Any employee/visitor who receives emergency medical treatment/transportation for a condition that is not job related or is not covered by Worker's Compensation may be charged for these services. Central Motor Transport Service (CMTS) is responsible for movement of all other clients, Monday - Friday, from 8:00 am - 7:00 p.m. In the event of a difference of opinion concerning the emergency status of any ambulance request, the opinion of the attending physician will prevail.

Off-campus and out-of-town trips for emergency cases will be scheduled through Medical Center of Central Georgia Emergency Medical Services.

Transportation for non-emergency cases will be provided by convalescent vehicles operated by CMTS. Each service area is responsible for providing escort personnel and personnel for loading and unloading during established hours, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm. Between 7:00 pm and 8:00 am daily, weekends, and holidays, the service areas are responsible for providing non-emergency

transportation. Designated staff must have completed training in proper lifting techniques.

Other forms of transportation services are covered under CSH Policy and Procedure #3.04/3.04A - UTILIZATION AND CONTROL OF STATE OWNED VEHICLES.

Approved:

This policy has been approved by the CEO and CMO in March, 2008.