

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
POLICY

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF PREGNANT WOMEN

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RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW: Chief Medical Officer

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The policy of Central State Hospital (CSH) is to preserve human life and to relieve suffering by providing initial medical care to all CSH clients in need of such service while on the grounds of CSH and expediting transport to ORMC or other hospitals. Any other person who sustains injury or becomes acutely ill while on the hospital grounds may receive emergency examination, medical treatment and stabilization, as appropriate, at ORMC or other hospitals.

In compliance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Section 31-8-40 through 31-8-46, and the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), appropriate transfer will be provided to all women in active labor who present themselves to the CSH Admissions Office. CSH does not provide obstetric services.

When the physician OD determines the pregnant client's condition is sufficiently stable, CSH Admissions will assist arranging for transfer of her to another medical facility, as dictated by the client's condition. The receiving hospital's emergency room will first be notified of the impending transport of all such clients and informed of all pertinent information available to CSH. The name of the receiving/accepting physician will be documented on form CSH-59 (Rev. 3/03) Ambulatory Care/Emergency Referral.

Approved:

This policy has been approved by the CEO and CMO 9/08.