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|   <p><b>Jackson</b><br/>MEMORIAL HOSPITAL<br/>Jackson Health System</p> <p><b>EMERGENCY CARE SERVICES</b></p> | <p>Section: CLINICAL<br/>MANAGEMENTNT - TRIAGE</p> <hr/> <p>Subject: Medical Screening<br/>Exam Policy</p> |
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**Level:** Interdependent

**Purpose:** In order to reduce non-emergent and non-urgent utilization of ECC resources, patients who are deemed NOT to have an emergency after receiving a Medical Screening Exam (MSE) by a qualified and trained ECC personnel will be referred to their primary care physician or any of the primary care centers in the community.

**Supportive**

**Data:** Jackson Memorial Hospital provides emergency services to all individuals according to Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) and COBRA standards.


**CONTENT:**

1. All patients presenting to the ECC will receive a Medical Screening Exam (MSE) by a qualified healthcare provider as per Jackson Health System Medical Staff By Laws.
2. If the patient is deemed to have an emergency medical condition, the patient will be evaluated and stabilized in the ECC.

**KEYNOTE:**

An emergency medical condition means:

- A. a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in:
    1. placing the health of the individual (or with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of a woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy, or
    2. serious impairment of bodily functions, or
    3. serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part, or
  - B. with respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions
    1. that there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery, or
    2. that transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.
3. If the patient is deemed NOT to have an emergency medical condition, the patient will be instructed to follow up with his/her primary care physician. If the patient does not have a primary care physician, a list of all Dade County Primary Care Clinics (including FQHCs and Family Health Centers) will be provided to the patient.
  4. After completion of an MSE, if the patient who has been deemed NOT to have an emergency medical condition insists on being seen in the ED, an insurance co-payment for the ED visit

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will be collected during the registration process. If the patient does not have proof of insurance, a deposit will be collected during the registration process. Subsequently, the balance of the Emergency Department invoice will be billed to the appropriate parties.

References:

Moy, Mark. The EMTLA Answer Book. New York, NY: Aspen Publishers; 2006 edition.

The Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTLA), Pub. L. No.992272 Title IX, 912(b) 100 Stat. 164 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. 1395 dd(e) (1995).