3/24/2020 Final Action from AEMS Executive Committee, as a response to Motion from Functional Group, upon suggestion of Categorization Committee, regarding emergency Provisional Categorization of Carl T. Hayden Veteran’s Administration Medical Center (VAMC) ED:

Move to allow emergency Provisional Categorization of the Carl T. Hayden Veteran’s Administration Medical Center (VAMC) ED to receive ambulance traffic from the 911 system under the following conditions:

1. Patient or caretaker announce desire to be transported to the VAMC.
2. Patient or caretaker announce patient is a Veteran.
3. Patient is not anticipated to need specialty care as based on AEMS guidelines.
4. VAMC submits a Categorization questionnaire satisfactory to the Board of Governors (BOG), or in the interim, to the EC. This will be reviewed by the Categorization Committee (CC) at its next regularly scheduled meeting, with any recommendations sent to Functional Group (FG).
5. Reasonable attempts to make courtesy notifications (CN) to the VAMC prior to the arrival of any level of patient (ALS and BLS) shall be undertaken by EMS. Such CN will not be for the purposes of receiving on-line medical direction or ambulance redirection instructions.
6. The provisional status will be reviewed at ongoing meetings of the FG and the CC. If no significant patient care or systems issues are identified the provisional status will become permanent upon the approval of the BOG at their April 2021 meeting.
7. The VAMC may opt-out of provisional categorization by providing written notice from VAMC administration to the Executive Director of AEMS.
8. AEMS may opt-out of maintaining the provisional categorization status of the VAMC by providing a 3-day written notice from the Executive Director of AEMS, in response to an action of the EC.
9. VAMC participates in Central Sector Diversion task force meetings.
10. VAMC participates with the EMSSystem and Phoenix and Mesa Alarm Rooms so those entities are aware of when the VAMC ED is incapable of receiving patients by ambulance.
11. Other conditions as determined by FG and BOG, or in the interim, the EC and as agreed upon by the VAMC.