1. When a patient's condition is believed to be life threatening, the officer in Charge is obligated to direct the ambulance to the nearest hospital emergency department.

2. In many instances, the patient's illness or injury is not immediately life threatening. In such situations the policy holds the same. The ambulance should transport to the nearest emergency department. A decision by the officer in Charge to transport to a facility other then the nearest hospital implies that a judgement has been made that the risks of a prolonged transport are outweighed by the potential benefits to the patient.