The Emergency Cardiac and Stroke System is Going Live County by County

The system goes “live” county by county. This map shows counties which have gone live as of January 2012. The map will be updated regularly. “Go live” means emergency medical services (EMS) providers are using the state Cardiac and Stroke Triage Destination Procedures (triage tools), regional patient care procedures, and county operating procedures (COPs) for all applicable patients.

A county is ready to go live when:

- Regional patient care procedures (PCPs) are in place for cardiac and stroke patients.
- All hospitals in the county are categorized as cardiac and stroke centers, or have officially opted out of participating in the Emergency Cardiac and Stroke System.
- COPs and patient care protocols for cardiac and stroke patients have been updated and approved by the Department of Health. The updates must be consistent with the state cardiac and stroke triage tools and prehospital patient care protocol guidelines.
- All EMS providers are trained on the triage tools, revised COPs, and protocols.
- Adequate prehospital resources are in place to implement the COPs.

To “go live”, the county EMS Council sends an attestation form to the Department of Health letting us know all these things are in place. The form is available by email from Kim.Kelley@doh.wa.gov.

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