

Section 3.9 Overview Patient Distribution

The overall goal of patient distribution is to deliver MCI patients to appropriate and available treatment beds to meet their medical needs without overwhelming any one hospital with too many patients. Patients will be distributed to hospitals through the combined use of:

1) Assigned Distribution

Assigned distribution automatically assigns a fixed, minimum number of patients to each hospital in the initial phase of the MCI response. San Francisco hospitals **MUST** accept their automatically assigned minimum number of patients.

2) Managed Distribution

Managed Distribution is when the Patient Transport Officer actively determines the hospital distribution for MCI patients when Emergency Department capacity is available on Reddinet and/or the total number of patients from an incident **exceeds** the total number of pre-assigned slots. Utilization of ReddiNet is the preferred option for managed distribution. In the event of a ReddiNet or communications failure, manual polling shall occur.