

## ***Transportation and Destination Guidelines***

### **Purpose:**

This protocol is to assist inter-facility transport of patients believed to be infected with a “*special pathogen*” to a hospital that may be outside of the local Medical Control Authority.

### **Definition:**

“*Special pathogen*” refers to highly-infectious diseases, including hemorrhagic viral diseases (HVDs) such as Ebola and similar infections.

### **Transport Destination Decision**

1. The patient will be transported to the closest appropriate hospital capable of providing the services needed. *The closest appropriate hospital may be outside of an agency’s primary service area.*
2. Inter-facility transport of patients is permitted by pre-identified transport teams to hospitals that may originate and end outside of the transporting agency’s Medical Control Authority when no local pre-identified specialty transport team is available.