



*Pembina County Memorial Hospital  
Wedgewood Manor*

**EMTALA MSE POLICY**

**Purpose:**

To ensure that Pembina County Memorial Hospital is compliant with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) and related laws and requirements.

**Policy:**

An appropriate medical screening exam (MSE) will be provided to all individuals on the hospital's campus with an emergency medical condition. This care will be provided to all individuals, without discrimination and regardless of their eligibility for financial assistance.

Pembina Hospital, its employees, and any agents acting on behalf of Pembina Hospital are prohibited from engaging in any action that discourages an individual from seeking emergency medical care at the hospital.

An emergency medical condition is defined in section 1867(e)(1) of the Social Security Act as "a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in

- (a) Placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy,
- (b) Serious impairment to bodily functions, or
- (c) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part;

Or with respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions,

- (a) that there is inadequate time to effect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery, or (b) that transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child."

Pembina Hospital will provide the care for emergency medical conditions that it is required to provide under Subchapter G of Chapter IV of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

**Procedure:**

The patient will be examined by a medical practitioner after being triaged by an RN. If indicated, the standing emergency room orders will be initiated by the RN and the medical practitioner on call will be contacted as soon as possible to obtain further orders. The RN will request that the medical practitioner come as soon as possible to evaluate and treat. If a transfer is needed, our transfer form will be filed out as required. The emergency room record will be used and ongoing vitals will be recorded if the patient's condition so warrants.

**References:**

Medicare/Medicaid Condition of Participant