**Section 518.2020 Comprehensive Emergency Treatment Services**

Each freestanding emergency center shall provide Comprehensive Emergency Treatment Services, as defined in this Section and in the Hospital Licensing Requirements, *24 hours per day, on an outpatient basis,* as follows:

a) *At least one board certified emergency physician* shall be *present at the FEC 24 hours per day*. (Section 32.5(a)(2)(C) of the Act)

b) Physician specialists representing the major specialties, and sub-specialties such as plastic surgery, dermatology, ophthalmology, etc., shall be available immediately for consultation and onsite, if necessary, within 30 minutes.

c) Ancillary services, including laboratory and x-ray, shall be staffed at all times. Pharmacy shall be staffed or "on call" at all times.

d) Each FEC shall provide facilities for immediate life-saving measures.

e) Policies and procedures governing the acceptance and care of emergency patients shall be established.

f) A record shall be maintained on each patient who presents himself/herself for emergency services.

g) Supplies and equipment shall be available and ready for use.

h) This Section shall not be construed to affect facility-patient arrangements regarding payment for care.

(Source: Amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 8317, effective June 4, 2009)