

PROTOCOL FOR: Taxi Authorization for Patient Transportation Secondary to Patient Safety Concerns

- POLICY:**
1. Patients will be examined by staff members for their ability to operate a vehicle or ride a bus at conclusion of treatment sessions.
 2. In the event that a patient is unable to drive home due to intoxication, illness or unusual circumstances, and no other alternatives are available, a taxi slip will be provided. Clinical staff is to contact the Social Work office at extension 2287 Monday through Friday between 8:30 and 4:30 pm, and the Nursing Supervisor or in the Emergency Department on holidays to obtain a cab voucher.
 3. The requisition is completed in duplicate. One copy is given to the cab driver and the other is sent to Hospital Accounting

APPROVAL: Nursing Standards Committee
Partial Hospital Program Steering Committee

EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/84

REVISION DATES: 1/86, 1/87, 9/87, 9/88, 9/89, 9/90, 9/91, 9/93, 4/94, 3/99, 2/00, 9/02, 5/03, 6/07, 10/08