

## SAEMS PRE-HOSPITAL PROTOCOLS

### **Critical Pediatric Triage Protocol (Age 14 and Under)**

- I. Patients with an unstable airway or in cardiac arrest should be transported to the closest emergency receiving facility.
- II. Patients with the following characteristics should be taken directly to a Pediatric Critical Care Facility (PCCF):
  - A. Altered level of consciousness
  - B. Respiratory distress
  - C. Shock or hemodynamic instability
- III. SPECIAL NOTES
  - A. Pediatric Critical Care Facility (PCCF) is defined as a facility with 24-hour, in-hospital pediatricians, pediatric intensivists and a pediatric ICU.  
In Tucson: TMC or Banner-UMC Tucson
  - B. In outlying areas with a transport time of greater than 30 minutes to a PCCF, transport the patient to the closest emergency receiving facility, or consider air transport directly to a PCCF.