



## Traffic Guidelines Manual

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CHAPTER 2	Signing
SECTION 4	Guide Signs – Conventional
SUBJECT 45.1	Emergency Hospital Signing

### A. Purpose

The purpose of the official Hospital sign is to designate hospitals with emergency care facilities. It is not intended for designating hospitals that cannot accept emergencies.

Signs (STANDARD SIGN D9-2 "H" symbol with appropriate arrow) will be furnished and maintained by the Department, on the state trunk highway system (if the state trunk highway does not lead directly past the hospital) for public and private hospitals meeting the American Medical Association (AMA) criteria. Thus signs would be warranted on a freeway or a state trunk highway that bypasses a community having a qualifying hospital. When a highway bypasses a municipality having a hospital, the Department will erect signs at appropriate locations on the bypass where motorists can best be directed into the municipality to the hospital.

Hospital signs and trailblazers on connecting streets and on local streets will not be furnished, erected, or maintained by the Department. At that point any further trailblazing is the responsibility of the local unit of government having maintenance jurisdiction over the highway carrying the route to the hospital.

No signing will be done on the state trunk highway system until signs have been erected on the local portion of the route to the hospital.

H signs *may* be erected only after being authorized by the Central Office, when the criteria in the following guidelines are met.

The following are guidelines for hospital signing:

1. An H sign *may* be warranted for a public or private hospital which has continuous emergency care capability as defined by the American Medical Association and which is in their categorized report. Attached to the policy is a listing of hospitals that have been approved by the American Medical Association for Emergency Care Facilities. Hospitals included on this list *may* be signed provided they meet the rest of the criteria outlined in this policy.

2. An H sign *may* be warranted on a freeway when the hospital is within a community contiguous to or near the freeway, or not more than 15 miles from the freeway.
3. An H sign *may* also be warranted on a major highway which is not a freeway but which bypasses a community having a qualifying hospital.
4. On a freeway or other highway that bypasses a community having a hospital, the H sign will be erected:
  - a. Only at the point or points giving access to the most direct route to the hospital.
  - b. Only once for traffic in each direction on a given highway.
5. H signs will not be erected on State Trunk Highways leading directly into communities having hospitals except as those highways are HOSPITAL routes as described in item 6.
6. H signs and trailblazers will be erected and maintained on the State Trunk Highway System by the Department but not until it receives assurance from the hospital administration that any Hospital Route Signs required on local roads and streets have been erected.
7. The name of the hospital will be utilized only in those cases where there is more than one hospital on the route, each of which appears on the list of hospitals, which have approved emergency facilities, and each of which is approximately the same distance from the point at which the routes to the hospitals diverge. The hospital name sign will be utilized only at that divergence point, and not with other trailblazers between the beginning of the signed hospital route and the point of divergence, nor between the point of divergence and the hospital itself.

The Department will remove signs from the state trunk highways when notified that a facility does not meet the criteria for an Emergency Care Facility, and are not included on the attached lists.

City	Region	Hospital
Antigo	NC	Langlade Hospital - An Aspirus Partner
Berlin	NC	Berlin Memorial Hospital
Eagle River	NC	Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital
Friendship	NC	Moundview Memorial Hospital & Clinics, Inc
Marshfield	NC	Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital
Merrill	NC	Ministry Good Samaritan Health Center
Park Falls	NC	Flambeau Hospital
Rhineland	NC	Ministry Saint Mary's Hospital
Shawano	NC	Shawano Medical Center
Stevens Point	NC	Ministry Saint Michael's Hospital
Tomahawk	NC	Ministry Sacred Heart Hospital
Waupaca	NC	Riverside Medical Center

City	Region	Hospital
Wausau	NC	Aspirus Wausau Hospital
Weston	NC	Ministry Saint Clare's Hospital
Wild Rose	NC	Wild Rose Community Memorial Hospital
Wisconsin Rapids	NC	Riverview Hospital Association
Woodruff	NC	Howard Young Medical Center
Appleton	NE	Appleton Medical Center
Appleton	NE	St. Elizabeth Hospital
Chilton	NE	Calumet Medical Center
Fond du Lac	NE	Agnesian HealthCare / St. Agnes Hospital
Green Bay	NE	Aurora BayCare Medical Center in Green Bay
Green Bay	NE	Bellin Hospital
Green Bay	NE	St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center
Green Bay	NE	Green Bay - St. Vincent Hospital
Manitowoc	NE	Holy Family Memorial Inc
Marinette	NE	Bay Area Medical Center
Neenah	NE	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin - Fox Valley
Neenah	NE	Theda Clark Medical Center
New London	NE	New London Family Medical Center
Oconto	NE	Bellin Health Oconto Hospital
Oconto Falls	NE	Community Memorial Hospital
Oshkosh	NE	Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh
Oshkosh	NE	Mercy Medical Center
Ripon	NE	Ripon Medical Center Inc
Sheboygan	NE	Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center
Sheboygan	NE	St. Nicholas Hospital
Sturgeon Bay	NE	Ministry Door County Medical Center
Two Rivers	NE	Aurora Medical Center of Manitowoc County
Amery	NW	Amery Regional Medical Center
Ashland	NW	Memorial Medical Center
Baldwin	NW	Western Wisconsin Health
Barron	NW	Mayo Clinic Health System - Northland in Barron
Black River Falls	NW	Black River Memorial Hospital
Bloomer	NW	Mayo Clinic Health System - Chippewa Valley in Bloomer
Chippewa Falls	NW	St. Joseph's Hospital
Cumberland	NW	Cumberland Healthcare
Durand	NW	Chippewa Valley Hospital
Eau Claire	NW	Mayo Clinic Health System in Eau Claire
Eau Claire	NW	Oakleaf Surgical Hospital
Eau Claire	NW	Sacred Heart Hospital
Grantsburg	NW	Burnett Medical Center
Hayward	NW	Hayward Area Memorial Hospital
Hudson	NW	Hudson Hospital & Clinics
Ladysmith	NW	Rusk County Memorial Hospital

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Medford	NW	Aspirus Medford Hospital & Clinics, Inc
Menomonie	NW	Mayo Clinic Health System - Red Cedar, Inc
Neillsville	NW	Memorial Medical Center
New Richmond	NW	Westfields Hospital
Osceola	NW	Osceola Medical Center
Osseo	NW	Mayo Clinic Health System - Oakridge in Osseo
Rice Lake	NW	Lakeview Medical Center
River Falls	NW	River Falls Area Hospital
Shell Lake	NW	Indianhead Medical Center / Shell Lake
Spooner	NW	Spooner Health System
St. Croix Falls	NW	St. Croix Regional Medical Center
Stanley	NW	Ministry Our Lady of Victory Hospital
Superior	NW	St. Mary's Hospital of Superior
Whitehall	NW	Gundersen Tri-County Hospital & Clinics
Brookfield	SE	Wheaton Franciscan - Elmbrook Memorial Campus
Burlington	SE	Aurora Memorial Hospital of Burlington
Elkhorn	SE	Aurora Lakeland Medical Center in Elkhorn
Franklin	SE	Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital
Franklin	SE	Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - Franklin
Greendale	SE	Orthopaedic Hospital of Wisconsin
Grafton	SE	Aurora Medical Center in Grafton
Hartford	SE	Aurora Medical Center in Hartford
Kenosha	SE	Aurora Medical Center in Kenosha
Kenosha	SE	Kenosha - UHS, Inc
Lake Geneva	SE	Mercy Walworth Hospital and Medical Center
Menomonee Falls	SE	Community Memorial Hospital of Menomonee Falls, Inc
Mequon	SE	Columbia Center
Mequon	SE	Columbia St Mary's Inc - Ozaukee Campus
Milwaukee	SE	Aurora Sinai Medical Center
Milwaukee	SE	Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center / South Shore
Milwaukee	SE	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Milwaukee	SE	Columbia St. Mary's Hospital Milwaukee
Milwaukee	SE	Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital Inc
Milwaukee	SE	Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - St. Francis
Milwaukee	SE	Wheaton Franciscan - St. Joseph Campus
Oconomowoc	SE	Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital
Racine	SE	Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - All Saints, Inc
Summit	SE	Aurora Medical Center in Summit
Waukesha	SE	Waukesha Memorial Hospital
Wauwatosa	SE	Midwest Spine and Orthopedic Hospital and Wisconsin Heart Hospital
West Allis	SE	Aurora West Allis Medical Center
West Bend	SE	St. Joseph's Community Hospital of West Bend Inc

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Baraboo	SW	St. Clare Hospital & Health Services
Beaver Dam	SW	Beaver Dam Community Hospitals Inc
Beloit	SW	Beloit Health System
Boscobel	SW	Gundersen Boscobel Area Hospital and Clinics
Columbus	SW	Columbus Community Hospital
Darlington	SW	Memorial Hospital of Lafayette Co.
Dodgeville	SW	Upland Hills Health Inc
Edgerton	SW	Edgerton Hospital & Health Services
Fort Atkinson	SW	Fort HealthCare
Hillsboro	SW	Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital & Clinics
Janesville	SW	Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center
Janesville	SW	St. Mary's Janesville Hospital
La Crosse	SW	Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center
La Crosse	SW	Mayo Clinic Health System - Franciscan Healthcare in La Crosse
Lancaster	SW	Grant Regional Health Center
Madison	SW	Meriter-UnityPoint Health
Madison	SW	St. Mary's Hospital
Madison	SW	UW Hospital & Clinics
Mauston	SW	Mile Bluff Medical Center
Monroe	SW	Monroe Clinic
Platteville	SW	Southwest Health Center
Portage	SW	Divine Savior Healthcare
Prairie du Chien	SW	Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital
Prairie du Sac	SW	aak Prairie Healthcare
Reedsburg	SW	Reedsburg Area Medical Center
Richland Center	SW	The Richland Hospital Inc
Sparta	SW	Mayo Clinic Health System - Franciscan Healthcare in Sparta
Stoughton	SW	Stoughton Hospital Association
Tomah	SW	Tomah Memorial Hospital
Viroqua	SW	Vernon Memorial Healthcare
Watertown	SW	UW Health Partners Watertown Regional Medical Center
Waupun	SW	Waupun Memorial Hospital