

“When Emergencies Happen”

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Emergencies happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and we are here for you. Bayside Community Hospital provides the only State Designed Trauma Center (Level IV) in Chambers County. The Emergency Department is staffed by highly experienced and skilled professionals, including Board Certified Physicians and Physicians Assistants. Our staff holds certifications in ATLS (Advanced Trauma Life Support), ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support), PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support), TNCC (Trauma Nursing Core Course), among others. So, rest assured that anytime there’s an emergency, we’re prepared and are here for you.

In order to maintain our high standards of health care delivery in the most cost effective manner, we are implementing a new, federally approved screening process to effectively manage patients who arrive to our emergency department with non-emergent (minor) issues. Let me assure you that Bayside Community Hospital will not turn away patients who truly need emergency care.

As per EMTALA (Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act), all patients presenting to an emergency department will receive a medical screening exam to determine if their condition is emergent or non-emergent (minor). Recent studies show that a number of patients who visit emergency departments may not actually require the level of care that an emergency department provides. Emergency departments are intended to treat emergencies and designed to address major medical problems and injuries. Treating patients with minor medical issues can detract from an emergency room’s main mission – providing emergency care to the community.

Bayside Community Hospital’s Emergency Department will continue to treat patients with emergencies, regardless of their inability to pay. For patients with true emergencies, the process is exactly the same as it was before.

When patients with non-emergent (minor) or chronic health care problems present to the emergency department, they will be triaged as normal. As part of the triage, the patient will receive a medical screening exam. If the findings of the medical screening exam determine the presenting condition to be non-urgent (minor) or chronic, the patient will be given a choice of appropriate care options. Staff will provide assistance in helping the patient locate a clinic in the area to serve medical needs.

Operating in a cost effective manner will allow us to provide leading edge programs and services to best meet your needs to maintain the high level of quality care that you have come to expect from Chambers Health. Our new pilot program is intended to provide for updated Emergency Department Screening Procedures.

We at Chambers Health will strive to continually serving the healthcare needs of our communities providing the best care possible, and remain committed to being “What You Need, Where You Are”. For any questions please feel free to contact us at 409-267-3143.