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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

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FROM:

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THRU:

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SUBJECT:

Policy - Hospital Signing

Attached is the policy for signing hospitals on controlled access freeways and conventional roads. If you have any questions please let me know at (919) 250-4151.

#### Attachment

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# Policy for the Erection of Directional Signs for Hospitals

- 1. Hospital signs directing motorist to hospitals may be installed on any type road facility.
- 2. Hospital signing on the interstate should be in conformance to the guidelines in the MUTCD for motorist services signing for hospitals.
- 3. All hospital signing shall utilize white letters and border on a blue background.
- 4. The blue "H" may be used at ramp terminals or to guide motorist to hospitals as needed.
- 5. The name of the hospital may be provided as part of the hospital directional signing if needed. When two(2) or more hospitals are located in the same vicinity or at the same interchange the name of the hospitals with appropriate direction arrows should be used to reduce confusion to motorists.
- 6. The cost of fabricating, erecting and maintenance of hospital signs shall be the responsibility of the North Carolina Department of Transportation.
- 7. Request for hospital signing shall be directed to the Division Engineer.
- \*\* Note: We recommend that a sticker or add on type sign be designed and approved to affix or attach to the hospital signs to indicate those hospital with 24 hour emergency service such as the EMS sign D9-13.