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Ascension Mercy Hospital's Emergency Department Recognized as a Pediatric Ready Facility

Oshkosh, Wis. — July 30, 2026 — Emergencies can happen at any time, and emergency departments (EDs) nationwide need to be prepared to treat patients of all ages. [Ascension Mercy Hospital](#) is committed to providing excellent care to pediatric patients, and has been officially recognized as a Pediatric Ready Facility by [Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services for Children](#) (WI EMSC).

WI EMSC's Emergency Department Pediatric Recognition Program identifies Wisconsin EDs that meet the guidelines in the American Academy of Pediatrics' Policy Statement, Pediatric Readiness in the Emergency Department.

"The pediatric readiness certification demonstrates that Ascension Mercy Hospital has the specialized staff, equipment, policies, and protocols needed to provide high-quality, life-saving emergency care to the children and families we serve," said Courtney Shears, director of Patient Care Services, Ascension Mercy Hospital.

In order to receive Emergency Department Pediatric Recognition, an ED needs to meet multiple requirements, including:

- Disaster plan addressing pediatric patients
- Pediatric Readiness Assessment approval
- Nurse Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator
- Physician Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator

"Ascension Mercy strives to provide high-quality, efficient, safe and effective emergency care to children," said Shears. "Ascension Mercy thanks the community for entrusting us with their

pediatric care. Our Emergency Department staff and physicians collaborate to provide excellent, compassionate care. We are here and ready when a child has an emergency.”

Ascension Mercy Hospital is pleased to receive this recognition, and is dedicated to providing excellent emergency care to all patients.

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