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## If you have a medical emergency or you're in labor, you have rights

In an emergency room you  
have the right to:

**2** Stabilizing treatment until your  
emergency medical condition is  
stabilized, or

**1** An appropriate medical screening  
**exam** to check for an emergency  
medical condition, and if you  
have one,

**3** An appropriate transfer to another  
hospital with higher capabilities if  
you need it

You can't be denied your rights for any reason, including:



If you have health insurance or not



If you can't pay for treatment



Your race, color, national origin,  
sex, religion, disability, or age



If you aren't a U.S. citizen

Everyone in the U.S. is protected by a  
federal law called the Emergency Medical  
Treatment and Labor Act or "EMTALA."

If you believe your rights have been violated,  
you can file a complaint with the federal  
government or your State Survey Agency.

To learn more about your EMTALA rights, scan the QR code below or go to: **CMS.gov/emtala**



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