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**STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY CODE PLEDGE**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(hospital name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is participating in the Texas Hospital Association’s voluntary initiative to implement standardized, plain-language emergency codes across Texas. \_\_\_\_\_(hospital name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is committed to increasing the transparency of communications among staff and the public and to promoting the safety of all who visit, work in or receive health care from our institution. To reduce variation and confusion, \_\_\_\_\_(hospital name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is adopting the following standardized emergency codes:

CHECK ALL CODES ADOPTED WITH THIS PLEDGE

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| **FACILITY ALERT** |
| **Event** | **Recommended Plain Language** |
| Bed Capacity | “Facility Alert + Bed Capacity + Descriptor (location)” |
| Emergency Plan Activation | “Facility Alert + Emergency Plan Activation + Descriptor (location)” |
| Fire Alarm Activation | “Facility Alert + Fire Alarm Activation + Descriptor (location)” |
| Hazardous Spill | “Facility Alert + Hazardous Spill + Descriptor (location” |
| **MEDICAL ALERT** |
| **Event** | **Recommended Plain Language** |
| Medical Alert | Code Blue |
| **SECURITY ALERT** |
| **Event** | **Recommended Plain Language** |
| Armed Violent Intruder/Active Shooter/Hostage | “Security Alert + Descriptor (threat/location)” |
| Civil Disturbance | “Security Alert + Descriptor (threat/location)” |
| Combative Patient/Person | “Security Alert + Security Assistance Requested + (location)” |
| Lockdown | “Security Alert + Descriptor (threat/location) + Instructions” |
| Missing Person | “Security Alert + Descriptor” |
| Suspicious Package | “Security Alert + Descriptor (threat/location)” |
| **WEATHER ALERT** |
| **Event** | **Recommended Plain Language** |
| Severe Weather | “Weather Alert + Descriptor (threat/location) + Instructions” |

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Hospital name Date

Return signed pledge via email to Carrie Kroll or by mail to Carrie Kroll, Texas Hospital Association, 1108 Lavaca Street, Suite 700, Austin, TX 78701.