

## Recipient Hospital Obligations Workflow

- Document a workflow for recipient hospital EMTALA referrals for Inpatient Behavioral Health (BEH) care.
  - Note: EMTALA does not apply to requests to transfer a patient who is already admitted to another facility.
- Create an established procedure to review any potential refusals of requests for emergency transfer and to monitor decisionmaking.
  - Any potential refusal should be escalated up the chain of command to verify that there is a lack of capacity or capability to treat the patient.
- Work with your Inpatient BEH unit, Emergency Department, and Crisis Intervention Team (if available) to develop a workable flow and identify individuals who will be responsible for each step.

Example:

