

Section 2D.4

USE OF HOSPITAL SPECIFIC SERVICE SIGNS ON INTERSTATES/NON-INTERSTATES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

2D.4.1 MUTCD SECTION REFERENCE

Hospital Signs (D9-13aP, D9-2) and Directional Arrows Signs (M5-1, 5-2, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3)

2D.4.2 CONDITIONS FOR USE

HOSPITAL (D9-13aP, D9-2) signs shall only be used at qualifying hospitals with approval from the appropriate source. Primary consideration shall be to provide access for motorist unfamiliar with the area to the emergency entrances of the hospital.

Qualifying hospitals shall be open to the public, have no other guide signs installed on the roadway such as supplemental signs, shall be located no further than 5 miles from the interchange (intersection) and must meet all requirements in the MUTCD listed below:

1. 24-hour service, 7 days per week
2. Emergency department facilities with a physician (or emergency care nurse on duty within the emergency department with a physician on call) trained in emergency medical procedures on duty
3. Licensed or approved for definitive medical care by an appropriate state authority
4. Equipped for radio voice communications with ambulances and other hospitals

2D.4.3 LOCATION AND PLACEMENT

Hospital signs may be placed on both interstate and non-interstate routes.

A. Placing HOSPITAL (D9-2) signs and Directional Arrow signs on Non-Interstate Routes

1. No trailblazing will be allowed. Two Hospital (D9-2) and directional arrow signs if approved will be placed only on the route leading directly to the hospital (only one set allowed in each direction).
2. No sign shall be placed in front of the facility.
3. Engineering judgment shall be used for the placement of these signs and to determine whether the amount of existing signs allows space for the HOSPITAL (D9-2) and directional arrow signs.

B. Placing HOSPITAL (D9-2 and D9-13aP) signs and Directional Arrow signs on Interstate Routes

1. HOSPITAL (D9-13aP) signs shall only be installed at the bottom center of the ½ mile interstate guide sign. Once installed if the HOSPITAL (D9-13aP) sign touches a guide sign leg, then it needs to be reinstalled at the bottom center of the interstate guide sign above the hinge point. In addition, HOSPITAL (D9-2) signs shall be installed on the off ramp with an appropriate directional arrow (both on the guide sign

- below the hinge point of the leg in the direction required to travel to the facility). One additional trailblazer sign may be installed if necessary.
2. If more than one hospital qualifies at a particular interchange, additional arrows may be added to the off-ramp sign.

See Figure 2D.4.1 for illustrations.

2D.4.4 SIGN DESIGN

Only HOSPITAL (D9-2 and D9-13aP) signs that follow the dimensions and design illustrated in the MUTCD will be approved for use.

2D.4.5 APPROVAL

On Interstates:

Hospital signs shall be recommended by the District Traffic Operations Engineer and approved by the Traffic Engineering Division Administrator.

On Non-interstates:

Hospital signs shall be approved by the District Traffic Operations Engineer.

2D.4.6 DOCUMENTATION

The District Traffic Operations Engineer may consider documenting the locations of the hospital signs by either Control Section – Logmile or GPS coordinate.

2D.4.7 EXAMPLES OF NON-INTERSTATE AND INTERSTATE ROUTE HOSPITAL SIGNS

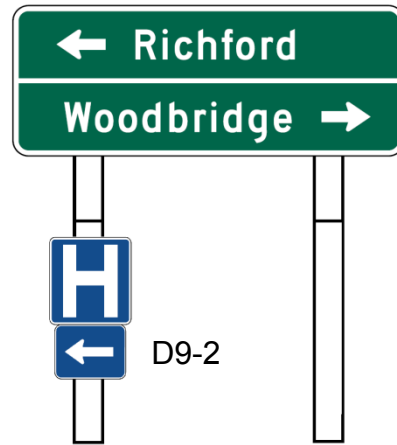
Figure 2D.4.1 Hospital Assembly for Non-Interstate Routes



Figure 2D.4.2 Hospital Assembly for Interstate Routes



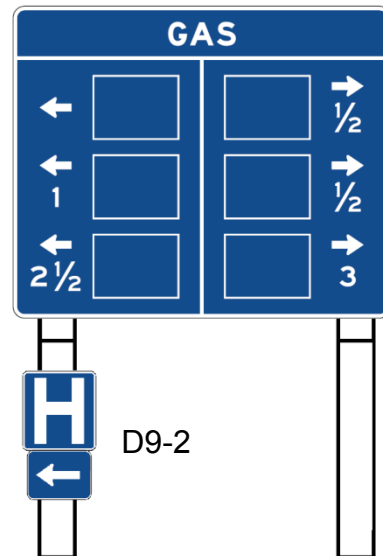
1/2 Mile Assembly



Off-Ramp Assembly
Option 1
(Preferred Option)



Off Ramp Assembly
Option 2



Off Ramp Assembly
Option 3