



August 26, 2026

Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Services System (BREMSS)
410 10th Avenue South
Suite B
Birmingham, AL 35205

**Re: Birmingham Regional Emergency Medical Services System ("BREMSS")
Notification of Emergency Department Closure and Conversion to On-Campus,
Provider-Based Urgent Care Clinic**

Attn: Michael Minor and EMS Medical Directors,

On behalf of UAB Hospital-Callahan Eye, this letter serves as formal notification that the Emergency Department located at **1720 University Blvd** will cease Emergency Department operations at **8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2026**, and transition to an on-campus, **provider-based Urgent Care Clinic** effective October 1, 2026.

Following this transition, the Callahan facility will no longer operate an Emergency Department or receive patients transported by EMS for emergency medical evaluation or treatment. Patients requiring emergency medical evaluation or treatment should continue to be transported in accordance with established BREMSS destination protocols to an appropriate receiving Emergency Department.

UAB Hospital-Callahan Eye Urgent Care will remain an important access point for patients requiring evaluation and treatment of **urgent, non-life-threatening eye conditions during operating hours**. The Urgent Care will provide specialized ophthalmologic assessment and treatment for urgent eye conditions and will remain part of UAB Medicine's broader ophthalmology care network.

UAB Hospital-Callahan Eye will also continue to staff its inpatient unit and maintain 24/7 ophthalmology call coverage to support emergency ophthalmic cases across UAB Medicine, including urgent and emergent surgical care when clinically indicated. The emergency department, however, at UAB Hospital-Callahan Eye will be closed.

To support this transition:

- EMS agencies will be notified that the facility is no longer a receiving Emergency Department.



- Public-facing signage, patient communications, website information, and wayfinding materials will be updated to reflect the change in services.
- Updated referral and transfer pathways for patients requiring emergency care will be communicated to providers and community stakeholders.

We value our longstanding partnership with BREMSS and appreciate your assistance in communicating this change throughout the regional EMS community. Our shared goal remains ensuring that patients are transported to and treated at the most appropriate level of care.

For questions regarding the transition, scope of services, implementation timeline, or operational planning, please contact me directly. For patient transfer and admission needs, providers may continue to use the appropriate UAB transfer pathway at 1-800-UAB-MIST (1-800-822-6478).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Carlisle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "B".

Brenda Carlisle
CEO UAB Hospital