

**EMS System Operations****Non-Transport of Patient by EMT, AEMT, and EMT-P units****Date: 07/01/2023****Policy #4090**

**I. Purpose:** To establish Imperial County policy for patient transfer after treatment by a non-transporting EMT-B, Advanced EMT, EMT-P Unit.

**II. Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.170, 1798, 1798.2, 1798.102

**III. Policy:****A. Non-transport EMT-B.**

1. Patient assessed and/or treated with EMT-B skills only.
  - a. Patient may be transported by EMT-B or higher level ambulance.
  - b. Non-transport EMT-B must give verbal report to transporting EMT.
  - c. Non-transport EMT-B may be released at the scene.
  - d. Written Patient Care Report by non-transporting EMT-B not required.
2. Patient defibrillated by non-transport EMT-B.
  - a. Patient may be transported by EMT-B or higher level ambulance.
  - b. Non-transport EMT-B must give verbal report to transporting EMT.
  - c. Non-transport EMT-B may be released at the scene.
  - d. Non-transport EMT-B must complete a Patient Care Report.

**B. Non-transport Advanced EMT or EMT-P**

1. Patient assesses and/or treated with EMT-B skills only.
  - a. Patient may be transported by EMT-B or higher level ambulance.
  - b. Advanced EMT, EMT-P must give verbal report to transporting EMT but need not accompany patient unless requested by Base Hospital (must contact Base Hospital for permission to release patient to lower level care provider).
  - c. Written Patient Care Report by non-transporting EMT not required.
2. Patient treated with ALS/LALS skills or medications.
  - a. Patient may be transported by EMT-B or higher level ambulance.
    1. If EMT-B ambulance, the Base Hospital physician may release the non-transport Advanced EMT, EMT-P at the scene if;
      - a. The patient is non-critical and deemed stable for transport by EMT-B ambulance, and advanced EMT and EMT-P are in agreement.
      - b. The only ALS/LALS skill performed was establishing a peripheral intravenous line.

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- c. The EMT-B may only monitor, maintain a present rate of flow or turn off the IV fluid.
- b. EMT with highest level of certification will continue care at scene and enroute to hospital.
  - 1. If non-transport EMT and ambulance EMT have equal certification, ambulance EMT will assume patient care unless requested otherwise by the Base Hospital.
  - 2. Non-transport Advanced EMT, EMT-P must complete a Patient Care Report.

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