



**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for when an EMT can attend to a patient during transport to an emergency department from the prehospital setting.

**AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5 Section 1797.220 & 1798 et seq.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- A. "BLS emergency ambulance" means a SJCEMSA authorized and properly permitted ambulance staffed with two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).
- B. "ALS emergency ambulance" means a SJCEMSA authorized and properly permitted ambulance staffed with at least one paramedic and one EMT.
- C. "MPDS" means the Medical Priority Dispatch System.
- D. "Non-Transport paramedics" means an approved advanced life support fire department or district staffed with at least one paramedic.

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of SJCEMSA to allow for BLS emergency ambulance response, assessment, treatment, and transport to SJCEMSA authorized acute care hospitals under specific conditions after MPDS call determination or ALS assessment on scene.

**PROCEDURE:**

- I. BLS Response and Transport No ALS on Scene:
  - a. BLS emergency ambulance staffed with two EMT's may be dispatched directly to the scene of an emergency medical call by a SJCEMSA authorized emergency ambulance dispatch center for specific MPDS determinants in accordance with EMS Policy No. 3202, Medical Priority Dispatch System Use and Assignments.
  - b. A BLS emergency ambulance shall request an ALS emergency ambulance transport if after assessment on scene determines the need for ALS care and patient is stable not requiring immediate transport.
  - c. If patient needs immediate transport and ETA from the scene to the closest and most appropriate hospital is less than the ETA of the ALS emergency ambulance, the EMT's on the BLS emergency ambulance shall initiate transport immediately.

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**II. BLS Response and Transport with ALS on Scene:**

- a. ALS non-transport personnel may transfer patient care to an EMT and BLS ambulance on scene if the following conditions exist:
  - i. ALS assessment on scene has been completed and the patient is deemed stable and no ALS condition exists, and;
  - ii. The patient has not received any ALS medications or interventions, and;
  - iii. ALS personnel on scene have determined that the patient does not require ongoing ALS care or observation.
- b. If ALS non-transport personnel on scene determine that a patient requires ALS care, ALS care shall be initiated and an ALS emergency ambulance may be requested to the scene for transport.
- c. If ALS non-transport personnel on scene determine that a patient requires immediate transport, ALS non-transport personnel should initiate ALS care and accompany the patient during transport with the BLS emergency ambulance.

**III. ALS Emergency Ambulance on Scene:**

- a. EMTs on an ALS emergency ambulance may attend to patient care during transport to a SJCEMSA authorized receiving hospital under the following conditions:
  - i. An ALS assessment has been completed on the patient, and;
  - ii. The patient has not received any ALS treatment, medications, or interventions, and;
  - iii. The ALS personnel on scene has determined that the patient does not require ongoing ALS care or observation.

**IV. In any and all cases EMTs shall provide patient care and treatment in accordance with Prehospital Care EMS Policy No. 5500 to 5585.**

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