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|  | 3107 | ALS to BLS Provider transfer of care |
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Purpose

With Increasing utilization of LALS (AEMT), and BLS (EMT) staffed ambulances the increased opportunity to have a transfer of care from first responder based ALS units, ALS ambulance to LALS/BLS ambulances.

Policy

The transfer of care of patients from Paramedics to AEMT or EMT staffed ambulances has been common and safely occurred throughout the state for years. The use of an ALS assessment and/or intervention does not preclude the transfer of care to a BLS providers. The severity of the medical complaint and Provider judgement should dictate when this transfer of care is appropriate.

- 1) All patient care decisions should be made with the best interest of the patient in mind.
- 2) If the patient requires ALS level care that will make a meaningful difference in patient outcome ALS care should be continued, or ALS intercept requested.
- 3) If after transfer of care, BLS providers feel the patient is in extremis or otherwise acutely ill requiring care beyond their scope of practice, an ALS intercept should be requested.

At NO POINT shall any BLS provider assume care of a patient requiring care beyond their scope of practice.

ALS Providers transferring care must be ensure the patient can be treated within of the scope of practice of the AEMT/EMT.