



*Oakland County Medical Control Authority*  
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Bennett Bill Upgrade Policy

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## ***Bennett Bill Upgrade Policy***

### Requirements

All Oakland County Medical Control Authority (OCMCA) transporting BLS agencies wishing to participate with Act 78, Public Act of 1997, known as the Bennett Bill must meet the following requirements:

1. Must meet the requirements of the legislation and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of EMS, Trauma, and Preparedness.
2. Must be a State licensed basic transporting service on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 1997.
3. Must be owned or operated by a local unit of government, or must be under contract with a local unit of government.
4. Must provide first-line 911 or emergency transport services only. May not provide non-emergency transports with the upgraded vehicle.
5. Must meet or exceed Oakland County staffing requirements on upgraded vehicle.
6. Must comply with all patient care and radio equipment requirements of an advanced life support service.
7. The approved upgraded unit will not advertise in any manner or give the impression of providing advanced life support 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

### Procedure for Participation

1. Submit a copy of the completed Conditional Upgrade License Application to the OCMCA office, including all required attachments (as per the application) for PSRO review.
2. With the application, submit a support letter from the LSA's Medical Control Hospital to the OCMCA office.
3. If approved by the PSRO, the application will go to the Medical Control Committee, then the Board of Directors for final approval. Application must include a two-year plan for the agency to permanently upgrade to ALS.
4. A letter of recommendation will be issued by the OCMCA, if all requirements are properly met. Allow 60 days for this process.

### Once Approved by State BETP (before implementation)

1. Contact the OCMCA office to set up the following:
  - a. Purchase of medication boxes and A-Packs.
  - b. Present proof of equipment which meets the minimum standards of the State BETP and the OCMCA policies for the level you are conditionally licensed to function.

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Once Approved by State BETP (after implementation)

1. ALS Supplies and Equipment must be locked/secured in the ambulance (lockable cabinet) or taken out of the vehicle and secured in a locked area when not working at the upgraded level.
2. All OCMCA protocols and policies must be followed at all times in accordance to the staffing level of care. No ALS procedures may be done if the ambulance is staffed for BLS service.
3. All ALS runs must be reviewed for quality control by the EMS Coordinator or their designee(s) to ensure all protocols were followed. OCMCA may also review any run, in accordance to protocol **8.24 Complaint Investigation & Resolution**.
4. Quarterly reports must be submitted to the OCMCA PSRO during the use of the Bennett Bill (data to be determined by PSRO).