



Scene Patient Management

Public Act

Authority for the management of a patient in an emergency is vested in the licensed health professional or licensed emergency medical services personnel at the scene of the emergency who has the most training specific to the provision of emergency medical care. If a licensed health professional or licensed emergency medical services personnel is not available, the authority is vested in the most appropriately trained representative of a public safety agency at the scene of the emergency.

Note: EMS Providers shall not allow other individuals (police, fire, other physician) to determine patient destination or disposition without prior approval from the on-line medical control physician providing medical control.

Transfer to Another Life Support Unit

A Basic Life or Advanced Life Support unit may transfer patient management to another life support unit of equal or greater qualification by mutual agreement, unless it falls under **8.7 ALS to BLS Transfer of Care Protocol**.

Multiple Unit Response

Second responding Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support units are responsible to assist in patient care until released by the managing Advanced Life Support Unit.

“**Call Jumping**” is defined as responding to another agencies geographic service area for an emergency response, without the knowledge of the agency having jurisdiction. If an agency is responding into another agencies geographic service area, every effort shall be made to advise that agency to allow the agency having jurisdiction the ability to respond. This will be dealt with accordingly and reported to the appropriate agency.

Extended Care Facilities (ECF)

Once an EMS unit is on the scene, management of the patient shall be according to Oakland County policy with respect to patient care, communication and transportation.