

Oakland County Medical Control Authority EMS Advisory



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ATTENTION Oakland County EMS

It has been brought to the OCMCA's attention that the response criteria outlined in **Protocol 6-1, Agency and EMS Criteria for Participation** requires clarification to ensure protocol compliance when responding to emergency medical calls.

Public Act 368 of 1978 states that an ambulance operation shall do the following:

- Provide at least 1 ambulance available for response to requests for emergency assistance on a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week basis in accordance with local MCA protocols."
- Respond or **ensure** that a response is provided to each request for emergency assistance originating from within the bounds of its service area."

OCMCA Systems Protocol 6-1, states:

ALS Agencies

- Non-transporting ALS agencies: Must provide a minimum of one paramedic staffing each licensed non-transporting ALS unit **AT ALL TIMES**.
- Transporting ALS agencies: Must provide a minimum of one paramedic and one EMT staffing each licensed transporting ALS unit **AT ALL TIMES**.

BLS Agencies

- Non-transporting BLS agencies: Must provide a minimum of one EMT to staff a licensed non-transporting BLS unit **AT ALL TIMES**.
- Transporting BLS agencies: Must provide a minimum of one EMT and one MFR to staff a licensed transporting BLS unit for transport.

Also, all life support agencies are responsible for **ensuring** compliance with **Protocol 6-18, EMS Response Time Standards**, within their geographic service area.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 248 975-9704. Thank you for your help and support.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OCMCA WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS