

AMBULANCE OPERATION

ALS AMBULANCE STAFFING 2000

Each ambulance being operated to render ALS medical care shall be staffed at all times by a crew member who shall at a minimum be an EMT-I, and a crew member who shall at a minimum be a paramedic. The crew member of an ambulance shall be a paramedic if the patient is in need of or could need advanced life support and shall occupy the patient compartment while transporting the patient. The requirement need not apply during a "state of emergency", "state of war emergency", or "local emergency" as defined in the Government Code of the State of California.

LALS AMBULANCE STAFFING 2000.1

Each ambulance being operated to render LALS medical care shall be staffed at all times by a crew member who shall at a minimum be an EMT-I, and a crew member who shall at a minimum be an EMT-II. The crew member of an ambulance shall be a EMT-II if the patient is in need of or could need limited advanced life support and shall occupy the patient compartment while transporting the patient. The requirement need not apply during a "state of emergency", "state of war emergency", or "local emergency" as defined in the Government Code of the State of California.

BLS AMBULANCE STAFFING 2000.2

Each ambulance being operated to render BLS medical care shall be staffed at all times by a driver who shall at a minimum be an EMT-1, and an attendant who shall at a minimum be an EMT-1. The attendant of an ambulance responding to a call shall occupy the patient compartment while transporting a person in need of medical attention. The requirement need not apply during a "state of emergency", "state of war emergency", or "local emergency" as defined in the Government Code of the State of California.

EMERGENCY SERVICE AVAILABILITY 2000.3

Each ambulance service operator shall provide emergency ambulance service on a continuous twenty-four (24) hours per day basis, excluding acts of God or labor disputes. If for any reason an operator stops emergency ambulance service on a continuous twenty-four (24) hour per day basis, he shall immediately stop any advertisement or any other solicitation of emergency services which have been discontinued and immediately notify the EMS Agency Medical Director. Each permittee shall maintain availability of the minimum number of ambulances identified in the permit as being available for 24 hour emergency services. A ground ambulance assigned an emergency response area in the Coastal Valleys EMS Region may not be used for a transfer originating outside of the Coastal Valleys EMS Region which also has a destination outside of the Coastal Valleys EMS Region.

AMBULANCE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT 2000.4

Ambulances and safety and emergency equipment shall be maintained at all times in good mechanical repair and in a clean and sanitary condition.

Minimum Equipment 2000.4a

All ambulances shall be equipped with all safety and emergency equipment required for ambulances by the EMS Agency Medical Director. This shall not be less than that required under the California Vehicle Code and the California Code of Regulations and regulations promulgated thereunder.

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**ALS and LALS Ambulance
Equipment
2000.4b**

In addition to the equipment required above, ALS and LALS ambulances shall be equipped as required by policies of the EMS Agency.

**Maintenance of Emergency
Equipment and Supplies
2000.4c**

Dressings, bandaging, instruments, and other medical supplies used for care and treatment of patients will be protected so they are sterile/clean when ready for use. Provisions shall be made to assure autoclaving or resterilization of emergency equipment when required.

**Inspection-Ambulances
2000.4e**

Ambulances subjected to CHP inspections shall be inspected for the Coastal Valleys EMS Region and State of California vehicle requirements not less than annually. This inspection shall normally be carried out by the EMS Agency and the California Highway Patrol. A record of the California Highway Patrol inspection shall be presented to the EMS Agency Medical Director or designee upon demand. The local EMS Agency shall inspect ambulances for compliance with local requirements and reserves the right to require further inspection beyond California Highway Patrol criteria.

**AIRCRAFT
2000.5**

Aircraft shall be inspected not less than annually by the EMS Agency staff. All aircraft shall maintain the proper FAA certifications.

2000.5a

No person shall operate an ambulance in the county unless the vehicle contains a valid ambulance certificate. An ambulance certificate shall be issued by the EMS Agency Medical Director upon the vehicle's compliance with this chapter.

**RELATIONSHIP TO FIRST
RESPONDERS
2000.6**

When emergency medical services are initially provided by first responders services, such as fire or police agencies, transition of patient care shall include adequate historical and medical information to ensure continued appropriate services are rendered. In conjunction with an approved program by the local EMS Agency, nothing in this section shall preclude the provision of non-transport ALS fire or rescue companies by fire departments or fire districts.

**DESTINATION OF
EMERGENCY PATIENTS
2000.7**

In the absence of specific instructions from the patient(s); a responsible relative, law enforcement personnel, or another responsible person, patients shall be transported to the nearest appropriate California licensed emergency receiving facility which is equipped, staffed, and prepared to receive emergency cases and administer emergency medical care appropriate to the needs of the patient, in accordance with a Point-of-Entry Plan approved by the EMS Agency Medical Director.

**OTHER PROVISIONS
2000.8**

**Data Collection and Reporting
2000.8a**

Each ALS provider and ambulance service, along with their equipment and premises, vehicle maintenance records, and records of calls shall be open to inspection and audit by the EMS Agency during usual EMS Agency hours of operation.

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2000.8b	ALS providers and ambulance service shall maintain accurate records of all calls requiring ambulance services and calls responded to. A run report, relating pertinent information, shall be prepared after the finalization of each call responded to. Information to be included in the run report shall be at a minimum the State EMS Authority data set.
2000.8c	All information required in this section shall be recorded on forms or through means approved by the EMS Agency Medical Director.
2000.8d	Any information gathered in conformance with this section may be used as the basis for determining compliance with this chapter.
Ambulance Based Outside the Coastal Valleys EMS Region 2000.8e	<p>Ambulances based and properly licensed outside the Coastal Valleys EMS Region may transport patients within the Coastal Valleys EMS Region without compliance with this chapter provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"># They do not operate within any of the designated exclusive operating areas within the Coastal Valleys EMS Region unless given express permission to do so by the EMS Agency.# The patient is being transported to a residence or facility within the Coastal Valleys EMS Region from a residence or facility outside of the Region, or# The patient is being transported through the Coastal Valleys EMS Region to a destination outside the Region, or# The patient was transported into the Region by the same operator and is to be transported back to the County of origin, or# An agreement exists between contiguous counties for emergency medical services by ambulances.# Ambulances operating under contractual agreements for services with HMO's and Insurances specifically for the purpose of repatriation of patients or to transfer a patient to a speciality care facility.

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