

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY**



Program Document: **Transfer of Care: Non-Transporting
Paramedic to Transporting EMT/Paramedic**

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Purpose:

- A. To define the situations where it is permissible for a non-transporting Paramedic to transfer patient care to a transporting EMT or Paramedic.
- B. To expedite the care to a transporting EMT or Paramedic.

Authority:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

Policy:

- A. A non-transporting Paramedic may transfer care to a transporting EMT or Paramedic if the transporting EMT or Paramedic agrees to assume responsibility for the patient.
- B. All assessment and care provided by the non-transporting Paramedic must be relayed to the transporting EMT or Paramedic, who will then communicate to the receiving hospital staff.
- C. It is the responsibility of both providers that patient care not be compromised because of transfer of care.
- D. A transporting provider may refuse to assume care for a patient they feel has not been adequately treated or stabilized for the given circumstances.
- E. Transfer of care shall only be to an EMT when the non-transporting Paramedic has determined that BLS care is adequate for the patient.
- F. Direct medical control is not required for the transfer of care. Paramedics are encouraged to utilize direct medical control to expedite the transfer of care whenever questions arise.

- G. All transports where the transfer of care is to an EMT must be reviewed through the Quality Improvement Process at the ambulance provider level.
- H. EMS patient care documentation requirements of PD# 2305 – EMS Patient Care Report: Completion and Distribution must be followed.
- I. For Multi Casualty Incidents (MCI) and expanded emergencies see program document. PD# 7500 – Disaster Medical Services Plan.

Cross Reference:

PD# 2305 – EMS Patient Care Report: Completion and Distribution

PD# 7500 – Disaster Medical Services Plan