

**EMS Administration****Date: 07/01/2024****Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service Provider Requirements****Policy #1630****I. Purpose:**

To establish and define minimum requirements for Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance service providers operating in Imperial County.

**II. Authority:**

Health and Safety Code 1797.160, 1797.204, 1797.220, and 1797.214

**III. Definitions:**

- A. Advanced Life Support (ALS): ALS means special services designed to provide definitive prehospital emergency medical care, including, but not limited to, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, cardiac monitoring, cardiac defibrillation, advanced airway management, intravenous therapy, administration of specified drugs and other medicinal preparations, and other specified techniques and procedures administered by personnel under the supervision of a base hospital as part of a local EMS system at the scene of an emergency, during transport to an acute care hospital until responsibility is assumed by the emergency physician or other licensed medical staff.
- B. Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service Provider: Means any company or agency that provides for hire the ambulance, personnel, and equipment utilized to provide Advanced Life Support transportation services.
- C. Maintaining or stationing an ambulance in Imperial County means to position an ambulance, not assigned to a call for service, within the geographic borders of the County in an effort to decrease anticipated response time.

**IV. Policy:**

To be eligible to provide ALS ambulance service in Imperial County, a company or agency shall:

- A. Maintain appropriate licensure as required by the California Highway Patrol.
- B. Maintain a current Ambulance Service Provider Agreement for an Exclusive Operating Area, or an Ambulance Service Provider Permit.
- C. Staff each transporting ambulance unit responding to calls for service with a minimum of one (1) currently licensed paramedic, and one (1) currently certified Emergency Medical Technician or Advanced Emergency Medical Technician.
- D. Ensure all units are capable of communicating with the Imperial County Sheriff's Office, EMS providers at the scene, El Centro Regional Medical Center, and Pioneers Memorial Hospital, all

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county fire agencies, all federal agencies in county, all dispatch centers, and all law enforcement agencies. These frequencies shall be continuously monitored.

- E. Comply with all requirements established for ground ambulance service providers.
- F. Be in compliance with the County of Imperial Emergency Medical Services Agency policies and procedures.
- G. Establish internal quality assurance mechanisms based on policies/procedures as cited by the Imperial County EMS Agency, including participation in Countywide monitoring activities (see Quality Assurance and Improvement Policy).
- H. Submit completed patient care reports in compliance with Imperial County EMS Incident Reports Policy.
- I. Advanced Life Support Service Providers, who maintain/station ambulances in Imperial County, shall establish at least one ambulance station within the geographic borders of the Ambulance Zone, as described in Imperial County's EMS Plan, and occupy this station on a continuing basis.
  - 1. All such locations shall comply with all applicable zoning, building, and occupational health and safety regulations.
  - 2. Each ambulance station shall be adequate to house the ambulance attendants and medical crew required for the ambulances based at that location.
  - 3. There shall be facilities sufficient for all personnel in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations.
  - 4. The Ambulance Service Provider shall allow for the inspection of the facilities, equipment, and methods of operation of each ambulance station.
- J. Use Imperial County Official Policies for practice at all provider levels, (MICNs, RNs, Paramedics, Advanced EMTs and EMT-Bs). This includes our Federal Partners (Bureau of Land Management, Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection and Federal Fire).

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