

EMS System Operations**Date: 02/01/2021****Requests for En-Route Rendezvous with LALS/ALS Ambulance****Policy #4180****I. Purpose:**

- a. To establish guidelines for BLS ambulance personnel to request a rendezvous with a LALS/ALS ambulance for patients requiring LALS/ALS treatment during transport.

II. Authority:

- a. California Health and Safety Code – Division 2.5: Emergency Medical Services, Section 1798.

III. Policy:

- a. A BLS ambulance may request to rendezvous with a LALS/ALS ambulance, if available, in accordance with the following:
 - i. A request for rendezvous may be made if the patient presents with:
 1. Hypotension
 - a. Term Neonate: < 60 mmHg SBP
 - b. Infants 0-1 year: < 70 mmHg SBP
 - c. Children 1-10 years: < 70 mmHg + (age in years x 2)
 - d. Children > 10 years and Adults: < 90 mmHg SBP
 2. Airway compromise or impending loss
 3. Unconsciousness
 4. At the direction of the Base Hospital Physician or MICN, if it is determined that a rendezvous would benefit a patient who exhibits a life-threatening condition.
 - b. A request can be made directly by the BLS ambulance for the situations described above. The request should be made through the appropriate dispatch/communications centers.
 - c. The dispatch/communications center will notify the BLS ambulance of the availability and ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival) of the responding LALS/ALS ambulance to the designated rendezvous location (provided by the BLS ambulance).
 - d. Transport of the patient by the BLS ambulance should not be delayed to wait for a LALS/ALS ambulance.
 - e. The rendezvous shall be as brief as possible with the LALS/ALS provider, with the necessary equipment and supplies for the level of care required, continuing patient care in the BLS ambulance. **(Patients should not be transferred between ambulances.)**
 - f. LALS ambulances should not request a rendezvous with an ALS ambulance, unless specifically directed to do so by the Base Hospital Physician or MICN. Such a request should occur only in an unusual circumstance where the Base Hospital Physician or MICN determines that a rendezvous would benefit a patient who exhibits a life-threatening condition.
 - g. All requests for en route rendezvous with a LALS/ALS ambulance shall be handled with the same priority as any 911 system request, and reported as such in any required reports.

APPROVED:

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