

EMS SYSTEM OPERATIONS


**Requests for Enroute Rendezvous
With an ALS/LALS Emergency Ambulance**

POLICY # 4180

A BLS unit may request or be requested to rendezvous with an ALS/LALS emergency ambulance, if available, in accordance with the following:

- A. A request for rendezvous may be made if the patient presents with:
 1. Hypotension (systolic pressure < 90mm Hg)
 2. Airway compromise
 3. Unconsciousness
 4. If the Base Hospital physician determines 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 situations described in A.1-3 above. The request should be made through the ICSO dispatch.
- C. ICSO will dispatch the closest, available ALS/LALS emergency ambulance. The ICSO dispatcher will notify the BLS ambulance and/or the Base Hospital of the availability and ETA of the responding ALS/LALS ambulance to the designated rendezvous location.
- D. Transport of the patient by the BLS unit should not be delayed to wait for an ALS/LALS unit.
- E. The rendezvous must be as brief as possible with the ALS/LALS provider, with any needed equipment and supplies, continuing patient care in the BLS unit.
- F. LALS units should not request a rendezvous with an ALS unit unless specifically directed to do so by the Base Hospital physician. Such a request should occur only in an unusual circumstance where the physician determines that a rendezvous would benefit a patient who exhibits a life-threatening condition.

APPROVAL



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