

Intercept Policy (Optional for all ALS Systems)

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Advanced Life Support/Limited Advanced Life Support ambulances are dispatched, when available, to patients requiring Advanced Life Support/Limited Advanced Life Support levels of care.

I. Procedure

If a transport has begun by a Basic Life Support (BLS) unit, a rendezvous with an Advanced Life Support (ALS) (Limited Advanced Life Support if ALS unit not available) unit should be attempted at a mutually agreed upon location. Rendezvous is indicated if it will occur at a point which is greater than five (5) minutes from the receiving hospital. For patients in cardiac arrest being transported in BLS units, ALS intercept is indicated at any point during the transport.

A. Indications for ALS Intercept

1. All priority 1 & 2 patients

B. Indications for LALS

1. All Priority 1 patients & some Priority 2 patients as indicated by Medical Control.

NOTE: BLS unit may contact Medical Control for assistance with any situation as necessary.