



**Michigan  
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WAIVER OF EMS PATIENT SIDE  
COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES

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***Waiver of EMS Patient Side Communication Capabilities***

The State of Michigan requires advanced life support (ALS) units to have the capability of communicating by radio with medical control when away from the ALS vehicle at the patient's side. This requirement may be waived when State-approved protocols permit time-dependent medical interventions to be performed without the need to obtain on-line permission from medical control. The EMS Medical Director must indicate that local state approved protocols permit these interventions to be performed without online medical control authorization either directly in protocol, or through the **Communications Failure Protocol**.

By adopting and implementing this protocol, both the medical director and alternate medical director stipulate that life-saving interventions listed in protocol are permitted to be performed by providers without on-line medical control authorization as defined by protocol.