



# McLean County Area EMS System

**TITLE: INTERFACILITY/INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORT POLICY**

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The following policy is to outline what is allowed to be transported by BLS, ILS, and ALS providers from one healthcare facility to another without a RN or other appropriate professional personnel.

**GOAL/PURPOSE:**

To provide consistent guidelines to McLean County Area EMS System agencies/providers and hospital personnel for interfacility/interregional transports.

**Note:** This policy assumes that all EMS agencies/providers that provide interfacility/interregional transports have had System specific training for such transports.

**POLICY:**

1. An attending physician, clinic physician or Emergency Department physician will authorize or request interfacility transports.
2. The transferring physician will determine the appropriate receiving facility.
3. The transferring physician will receive confirmation of acceptance of the patient from the receiving facility and the receiving physician.
4. It is the transferring physician's responsibility to indicate what level of service and care is required for the transport based on the severity/complexity of the patient condition.
5. EMS agencies providing interfacility transports may only function to their level of licensure as defined by the DOT curriculum and Department regulations unless otherwise stated in this policy.
6. Ambulance services must give consideration to maintaining adequate coverage to their service area prior to accepting the patient transfer.
7. Any patient requiring care at a level higher than the highest level of pre-hospital care provider available must be transported with an RN or other appropriate professional personnel.
8. Prior to the transfer, EMS providers shall obtain written orders from the transferring physician regarding any fluid therapy/medications and/or equipment being transferred with the patient. EMS providers may only administer/monitor fluids and medications listed within this policy.

**Levels of EMS providers:**

*Basic Life Support (BLS)* services include basic airway management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation including the use of AED's, basic shock management and control of bleeding, and basic fracture management.

Minimum staffing: 2 EMT-Basic providers



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*Intermediate Life Support (ILS)* services include all BLS services, IV cannulation/fluid therapy, advanced airway management and limited medication administration.

Minimum staffing: 1 EMT-Intermediate and 1 EMT-Basic

*Advanced Life Support (ALS)* services include all BLS and ILS services, cardiac monitoring including cardiac pacing, manual defibrillation, and cardioversion, and administration/monitoring of medications.

Minimum staffing: 1 EMT-Paramedic or Prehospital RN and 1 EMT-Basic

## **Fluids and Medication list:**

Crystalloid and colloid solutions may be transported by ILS and ALS providers. Saline locks may be transported by BLS providers.

All medications as outlined in the McLean County Area EMS System protocols for BLS, ILS or ALS, whichever is appropriate for the level of licensure of the ambulance being utilized.

## **Equipment that may be transported by all levels of providers (BLS, ILS, ALS):**

Foley catheters  
Gastric devices (NG tubes, G tubes, ostomy equipment)  
Saline locks  
Wound drains  
Clamped vascular devices (Central lines, Groshong catheters, PIC lines)

## **Equipment that may be transported and used by ALS providers only:**

BiPAP and CPAP  
IV infusion pumps-if trained  
Pain medication pumps-if trained  
Portable ventilators-if trained  
Chest tubes attached to suction  
Nitroglycerin drips on pumps – if trained  
Heparin drips on pumps – if trained  
Morphine drips on pumps – if trained