



McLean County Area EMS System

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Title of Policy: <i>Assistance by Non-System Personnel</i>	Policy Number: OPS-101
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Policy Area: Operations	Approvals: EMSSC, EMS MD

Background to Policy:

To clearly delineate the roles of healthcare providers at an out-of-hospital scene to better provide quality patient care and insure compliance with State of Illinois laws and licensing requirements.

Policy Statement:

Only a LICENSED EMS provider or EMS student under the direct supervision of a preceptor, who are approved members of the McLean County Area EMS System are authorized to perform direct patient care may perform in the out-of-hospital setting. Although, assistance by non-system approved personnel may be have great benefit in specific situations.

Policy:

If unidentified ambulance/EMS personnel arrive at a scene, the following procedures should be performed:

- A. Ask for identification and proof of licensure from any of the following healthcare providers
 - a. First Responder/EMR
 - b. Emergency Medical Technician
 - c. PHRN; or
 - d. SEMSV Aero medical flight crew member

NOTE: The Illinois Nursing Act does not make licensing provisions to allow the Licensed Registered Professional Nurse to provide patient care in the out-of-hospital setting. Only Registered Nurses with licensure from the Illinois Department of Public Health as a PHRN may provide field EMS care. License Registered Professional Nurses are able to provide patient care on patients during interfacility transports.

- B. If their assistance is not needed, excuse them from the scene in a professional manner.
- C. If their assistance is needed, contact medical control and advise of the presence of personnel who are not members of the McLean County Area EMS System and of their capabilities. Medical control must approve this assistance
- D. Non-System personnel should function under the direction of the EMS transporting agency having jurisdiction over the scene. The member of the McLean County Area EMS System must stop the non-system personnel if they are performing potentially harmful actions to the patient. If this occurs, the non-system personnel should be requested to cease patient care.

Resources:

1. [225 ILCS 65/ Nurse Practice Act](#)