

EL DORADO COUNTY EMS AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

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EMS Agency Medical Director

LITTER/WHEELCHAIR VAN REQUIREMENTS

PURPOSE:

To define the requirements for Litter Vans and Wheelchair Vans to operate in the County of El Dorado.

DEFINITIONS:

Litter Van means a vehicle which is modified, equipped and used for the purpose of providing non-emergency medical transportation for those medical passengers with stable medical conditions who require the use of a litter or gurney, and which is not routinely equipped with the medical equipment or personnel required for the specialized care provided in an ambulance.

Litter Van Medical Passenger means a person in need of transportation for medical purposes such as attendance at a doctor's appointment, clinic visit or for other non-emergent reasons. Medical passengers are differentiated from patients in that their medical condition is stable and it is not anticipated that they are likely to need medical observation, intervention or treatment during non-medical transportation. The patient must be able to maintain an open airway without assistance and self-administer any medical care en route. The EMS Agency Medical Director may establish policies which differentiate between patients and medical passengers.

Medical Transportation Entity means a person or entity appropriately licensed and specially trained, equipped and staffed to provide medical transportation services for medical passengers.

Medical Transportation Provider Permit means a permit issued by the County to a Medical Transportation Entity specifically authorizing that entity to provide Medical Transportation Services within the County.

Medical Transport Services means the provision of non-emergency transportation of medical passenger(s) by a litter van or wheelchair van that is licensed, permitted, operated, and equipped in accordance with applicable State laws and local ordinances and regulations. Medical Transportation Services do not include transportation of medical passengers by private passenger vehicle, taxicab, public transit or other forms of public transportation.

Medical Transportation Vehicle Permit means a permit decal or certificate issued by the Permit Officer indicating that a Litter Van, Wheelchair Van or other permitted vehicle has passed inspection according to the standards established herein. A Medical Transportation Vehicle Permit is required for each vehicle operated by the Medical Transportation Entity for Medical Transportation Services.

Wheelchair Van means a vehicle which is modified, equipped and used for the purpose of providing non-emergency medical transportation for wheelchair van medical passengers, and which is not routinely staffed or equipped with the medical equipment or personnel required for the specialized care provided in an ambulance.

Wheelchair Van Medical Passenger means a medical passenger whose condition is such that the passenger may be transported seated in a wheelchair. The passenger must be able to sit erect, hold his/her head up, maintain an open airway without assistance, and self-administer any medical care needed en route.

POLICY:

A. Permits: Litter Van and Wheelchair Van Medical Transportation Services will not be provided on an exclusive basis. Each Medical Transportation Entity providing service within the County shall obtain a Medical Transportation Provider Permit issued by the Permit Officer or designee. A Medical Transportation Vehicle Permit is required for each vehicle owned by the Medical Transportation Entity and operated within the County in accordance with this policy and the requirements of the County Emergency Medical Service and Medical Transportation Ordinance.

B. Operational Requirements:

- a. Litter Van and Wheelchair Van Personnel: Each Litter Van or Wheelchair Van must be staffed in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 3, Chapter 3, Article 3 (22CCR§51231.1.) for Litter Vans and (22CCR§51231.2.) for Wheelchair Vans;
- b. Drivers and Attendants of Litter Vans and Wheelchair Vans shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, shall hold an appropriate valid California driver's license, shall hold a current certificate in basic cardiac life support from either the American Heart Association or American Red Cross, and shall demonstrate compliance with all applicable State and local laws and regulations;
- c. Personnel shall wear clean uniforms with visible identification including the employee's name and the name of the Medical Transportation Entity;
- d. Have passed a physical examination within the past two years and possess a current Department of Motor Vehicle form DL-51, Medical Examination Report, which is specifically incorporated herein by reference;
- e. No person shall act in the capacity of a Litter Van and/or Wheelchair Van Driver or Attendant when such person:
 - i. Is required by law to register as a sex offender for any offense involving force, duress, threat or intimidation.
 - ii. Habitually or excessively uses or is addicted to narcotics or dangerous drugs, or has been convicted during the preceding seven (7) years of any felony offense relating to the use, sale, possession or transportation of narcotics, addictive or dangerous drugs, or alcohol.
 - iii. Habitually or excessively uses intoxicating beverages.

C. Equipment: Each Litter Van and Wheelchair Van shall be equipped in accordance with the applicable California Code of Regulations (CCR):

- a. **Litter Vans:** California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 3, Chapter 3, Article 3 (22CCR§51231.1.)
- b. **Wheelchair Vans:** California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 3, Chapter 3, Article 3 (22CCR§51231.2.)