

Patient Care by a Licensed Health Professional – Other than an EMS Provider

Purpose: To clarify necessary staffing for ambulances after a physician-patient relationship is established and a licensed health professional is attending to the patient.

- I. References
 - A. [PA 368 of 1978, 333.20921\(6\)](#) allows for appropriate health professionals, designated by a physician, after a physician-patient relationship has been established to attend to the patient, in the back of the ambulance.
 - B. Licensed health professionals are those who are licensed in the State of Michigan under the Public Health Code, but separate from those licensed under Article 17, Part 209.
- II. Examples of other Licensed Health Professionals that a physician may designate include, but are not limited to: Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Physician
- III. Staffing for an ambulance that is licensed
 - A. Basic Life Support – may be staffed by at least one medical first responder and a physician designated licensed healthcare professional.
 - B. Limited-Advanced or Advanced Life Support – may be staffed by at least one EMT-Basic and a physician designated licensed healthcare professional.
 - C. Note: allowability per protocol does not guarantee payment at any level. It is up to the EMS agency transporting the patient to ascertain staffing necessary for payment.
- IV. Clinical treatment
 - A. Scope of practice will be determined by the level of the clinician in the patient compartment of the ambulance at any point in time. A physician designated licensed health professional is not limited by the license level of the vehicle or the EMS agency if equipment and medications are available.
 - B. Orders for the treatment of the patient will be from the physician with the established patient relationship. In the instance that further orders are needed during transport, medical control may be contacted.