

**EMS Administration****Date: 07/01/24****Basic Life Support Service Provider Requirements****Policy #1620****I. Purpose:**

To establish and define minimum requirements for basic life support (BLS) ambulance services operating in Imperial County.

**II. Authority:**

Health and Safety Code 1797.160, 1797.204 and 1797.220, 1797.214 California Vehicle Code, Article 2, Section 2512(c).

**III. Definitions:**

- A. Private call means any call for services that is received by an ambulance service provider other than through the 9-1-1 system.
- B. Maintaining or stationing an ambulance in Imperial County means to position an ambulance, not assigned to a call for service, within the geographic borders of the County in an effort to decrease anticipated response time.

**IV. Policy:**

To be eligible to provide BLS ambulance service in Imperial County, a company or agency shall:

- A. Maintain appropriate licensure as required by the California Highway Patrol.
- B. Maintain a current Ambulance Service Provider Permit and Agreement authorizing the provision ambulance services in Imperial County.
- C. Ensure all ambulances are capable of communicating with the Imperial County Sheriff's Office, EMS providers at the scene, El Centro Regional Medical Center, and Pioneers Memorial Hospital, all county fire agencies, all federal agencies in county, all dispatch centers, and all law enforcement agencies. These frequencies shall be monitored continuously.
- D. Staff each transporting unit responding to calls for service with a minimum of two (2) Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) currently certified in the State of California and Imperial County.
- E. Be in compliance with the County of Imperial Emergency Medical Services Agency policies and procedures.
- F. Establish internal quality assurance mechanisms based on policies/procedures as cited by the Imperial County EMS Agency, including participation in countywide monitoring activities (see Quality Assurance and Improvement Policy)
- G. Submit completed patient care reports in accordance with Imperial County EMS Patient Care Record Policy.

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H. Basic Life Support Service Providers, who maintain/station ambulances in Imperial County, shall establish at least one (1) ambulance station within the geographic borders of the contract requirements, as described in the Imperial County EMS Plan, and occupy this station on a continuing basis.

1. All such locations shall comply with all applicable zoning, building, and occupational health and safety regulations.
2. Each ambulance station shall be adequate to house the ambulance attendants and medical crew required for the ambulances based at that location.
3. There shall be facilities sufficient for all personnel in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations.
4. The Ambulance Service Provider shall allow for the inspection of the facilities, equipment, and methods of operation of each ambulance station.

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