

APPROVED: Signature On File In EMS Office  
Executive Director  
Signature On File In EMS Office  
Medical Director

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/1/2016  
REVISED:  
REVIEW DATE: 1/2021  
PAGE 1 OF 5

---

---

**ALS or LALS EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER AUTHORIZATION**

I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, sections 1797.52, 1797.78, 1797.84, 1797.178, 1797.206, 1797.218, 1797.220, and Title 22, California Code of Regulations, sections 100167 and 100144.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Advanced Life Support (ALS) Emergency Medical Responder Agency" means a Emergency Medical Responder Agency which provides Paramedic personnel with ALS equipment to respond to medical emergencies with the capabilities to provide immediate Advanced Life Support medical care prior to arrival of an ambulance.
- B. "Basic Life Support (BLS) Emergency Medical Responder Agency" means a Emergency Medical Responder Agency which provides Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) personnel with BLS equipment to respond to medical emergencies, with the capabilities to provide immediate BLS medical care prior to the arrival of an ambulance.
- C. "EMS Agency" means the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency.
- D. "Limited Advanced Life Support (LALS) Emergency Medical Responder Agency" means a Emergency Medical Responder Agency which provides Advanced EMT personnel with LALS equipment to respond to medical emergencies with the capabilities to provide immediate LALS medical care prior to arrival of an ambulance.

III. PURPOSE

To establish standards and procedures for the authorization of Emergency Medical Responder Agencies to provide ALS, LALS, and BLS support within the member counties of the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency.

**IV. POLICY**

- A. Any Emergency Medical Responder Agency wishing to provide ALS or LALS services must adhere to an application process which includes providing the following:
1. Submit a proposal to the EMS Agency which establishes:
    - a. The need and purpose of providing ALS services
    - b. Specific resources for staffing and equipment
    - c. Projected response times
    - d. The geographic area to be served
    - e. A detailed description of the method of dispatch of ALS resources
    - f. Coordination with ALS ground ambulance companies
    - g. Quality improvement programs
    - h. The scheduled level of response (24hrs or less than 24hrs/day)
    - i. Adherence to local policies and procedures
    - j. Medical control
    - k. The method of ensuring skill retention of ALS personnel
  2. Describe the method that will be utilized to finance the ALS service, any proposed fees and method of fee collection.
- B. Emergency Medical Responder Agencies that satisfy all application and procedure requirements of this policy must:
1. Show how they propose to utilize and maintain telecommunications equipment which will allow communication via radio to an authorized base hospital, which is part of a communications plan that is acceptable to the EMS Agency and dispatched via Agency approved EMD protocols.
  2. Show how they propose to maintain an inventory as required by the Non-Transport Unit Equipment and Medical Supply Inventory Policy.

Exceptions to said equipment policy are those items listed in Title 13 which refer only to ambulances, and shall not be required for Emergency Medical Responder units that do not transport patients.

3. Plan to respond to emergency medical requests with a minimum staffing level of one person who shall be at a minimum a Paramedic or AEMT, and at least one person that is certified as an EMT in the State of California, and who has also been oriented to working as an assistant to a Paramedic or LALS. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of volunteer response to meet this requirement.
4. Have a written agreement with the EMS agency to participate in the ALS or LALS program.
5. Plan to designate a provider liaison and training officer as the main contact person for the EMS Agency for provider-based quality improvement and training issues.
6. Comply with all applicable state regulations and local policies and procedures.
7. Agree to provide ALS or LALS service:
  - a. On a continuous twenty-four (24) hour per day basis or;
  - b. On a less than continuous twenty-four (24) hour per day basis, for the provision of specialty care services such as:
    - 1) Law Enforcement Special Weapons and Tactical Squads Services; or
    - 2) Snow Ski Patrol Services; or
    - 3) County-approved Search and Rescue Services; or
    - 4) County-approved Hazardous Materials Services; or
    - 5) Public Boat Patrol Services; or
    - 6) Public Lifeguard Provider Services; or
    - 7) Otherwise specified by the EMS Agency

C. The EMS Agency:

1. Shall review its agreement with each ALS or LALS Emergency Medical Responder Agency at least every five (5) years. Such agreement may be changed, canceled, renewed, or otherwise modified when necessary.

2. May deny, suspend, or revoke the approval of an ALS or LALS Emergency Medical Responder Agency for failure to comply with applicable policies, procedures, and regulations.

V. Procedure

- A. Emergency Medical Responder Agencies that wish to provide ALS First Response or LALS First Response services shall complete an application as provided by the EMS Agency.
- B. Upon receipt of the completed application, the EMS agency, shall acknowledge the receipt date in writing and make, or cause to be made, an investigation to determine if the Emergency Medical Responder Agency meets all requirements as outlined in applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations. This investigation may also include a public hearing within the jurisdiction of the applying agency. The EMS agency shall also meet with representatives of the Emergency Medical Responder Agency to review the Emergency Medical Responder Agency's proposal. Within ninety (90) days of receipt of the completed application the EMS Agency shall make a determination to issue, or decline to issue, a Emergency Medical Responder Advanced Life Support or LALS Provider Agreement. If there is no response by the EMS Agency within the allotted ninety (90) day period, it shall be considered an acceptance of the proposal and the EMS Agency shall agree to begin the process of negotiating the terms of an ALS or LALS Provider Agreement with the Emergency Medical Responder Agency.
- C. If the proposal is denied, the EMS Agency shall clarify in writing the reason(s) for the denial and submit specific recommendations to fulfill compliance requirements (if any) to the applying Emergency Medical Responder Agency. This process shall include a maximum of a forty-five (45) day response by the EMS Agency to the new application.
- D. Upon acceptance of the Emergency Medical Responder Agency to provide ALS or LALS services as defined in the completed application, the EMS agency and the Emergency Medical Responder Agency shall negotiate the terms of an Agreement.
- E. The ALS or LALS Provider Agreement shall address at a minimum the following areas:
  1. Geographic area to be served
  2. Emergency response procedures and standards

3. Level of service standards, quality improvement, and disputes
  4. Communication and dispatch standards
  5. Equipment and supply standards
  6. Personnel standards
  7. Crew quarters
  8. Process to provide designated Quality Improvement reports to EMS agency
  9. Insurance and indemnification
  10. Compensation and fees
  11. Contract performance, breach, and default
  12. Coordination with ALS ground ambulance companies
  13. Mutual aid
- F. If an agreement cannot be negotiated by the EMS Agency and the Emergency Medical Responder Agency, the EMS Agency Board of Directors will be advised that such an agreement cannot be reached. The EMS Board of Directors shall have the final decision to either award or disqualify the Emergency Medical Responder Agency for an ALS or LALS Provider Agreement.
- G. ALS or LALS Emergency Medical Responder agencies shall ensure that personnel participate in a Quality Improvement process. Each provider shall facilitate call review and provide Quality Improvement reports to the EMS Agency per policies and guidelines written by the EMS Agency.