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## ***Licensure Level Requirement of Attendant during Transport (MCA Optional Protocol)***

Medical Control Authorities choosing to adopt this supplement may do so by selecting this check box. Adopting this supplement changes or clarifies the referenced protocol or procedure in some way. This supplement supersedes, clarifies, or has authority over the referenced protocol.

**Purpose:** To provide a protocol to fulfill the requirement that allows for EMS personnel to transport patients up to their individual licensure level in the event that the vehicle is licensed at a higher level as set forth in Michigan Administrative Code Part 3, Ambulance Operations R325.22133 (f).

Michigan Administrative Code Part 3, Ambulance Operations R 325.22133 (f) states: that an individual whose license is at least equal to the level of vehicle license is in the patient compartment when transporting an emergency patient, or consistent with department approved medical control authority protocols.

- I. Patient care transport level is to be determined by the individual(s) whose license is at least equal to the level of the vehicle license. This individual will perform a patient assessment to determine the level of patient care transport. The electronic patient care record must reflect this assessment both as a procedure and in components of the assessment.
  - A. EMT-Basic may attend in the patient compartment during transport on a patient deemed to be within the scope of practice for an EMT-Basic as defined by the State of Michigan.
  - B. EMT-Specialist may attend in the patient compartment during transport on a patient deemed to be within the scope of practice for an EMT-Specialist as defined by the State of Michigan.
  - C. EMT-Paramedic may transport a patient at any level.
  
- II. Ambulance(s) must maintain minimum staffing in accordance with Public Health Code Act 368 of 1978 Section 333.20921:
  - (3a) If designated as providing basic life support, with at least 1 emergency medical technician and 1 medical first responder.
  - (3b) If designated as providing limited advanced life support, with at least 1 emergency medical technician specialist and 1 emergency medical technician.
  - (3c) If designated as providing advanced life support, with at least 1 paramedic and 1 emergency medical technician.
  
- III. An appropriate licensed health professional, designated by a physician with an established patient relationship may be present in the patient compartment of the ambulance in place of EMS staffing, according to 333.20921 (6).

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