

Genesee County Medical Control Authority

System Protocol

USE OF BLS AMBULANCE WHEN ALS NOT READILY AVAILABLE

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Section 8-56

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1. For Tier 1 incidents where no ALS unit is available OR if the time interval for BLS response to hospital arrival is less than an ALS response time, a BLS ambulance should be dispatched to the scene.
2. BLS Responsibilities
 - a. Provide care consistent with protocols
 - b. Determine if ALS intercept is indicated based on patient acuity, likely intervention, and transport time.
 - c. In the event of patient deterioration during treatment or transport, an ALS should be requested depending on the fastest time to ALS care. Cardiac arrests occurring during transport must be managed in a stationary ambulance, supported by closest first responders, and according to protocol with ALS intercept, if available.
 - d. Provide verbal and written hand-off to hospital personnel
 - e. Document patient encounter in electronic patient care record