

MCHENRY WESTERN LAKE COUNTY EMS SYSTEM

TIER II CRITICAL CARE ALS TRANSPORT

PATIENT TRIAGE CRITERIA AND STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

Policy:

It shall be the policy of the McHenry Western Lake County EMS System that Provider Agencies may provide inter-facility ambulance transfers of stable critical care patients (as defined by system protocols) by paramedics who have been recognized by the McHenry Western Lake County EMS System as Tier II Critical Care ALS Transport paramedics.

The patient needs to meet the following criteria:

- A patient who demonstrates a clinical condition that has stabilized and is in need of transfer to another medical facility who requires a level of care beyond the paramedic DOT Curriculum scope of practice with one or more of the listed drugs or pieces of equipment.
- Patient stability is classified as: neurological assessment unchanged from hospital or ED admission, vital signs within normal range for that patient (with or without medication control), respiratory status controlled (with or without mechanical ventilation).
- The attending physician and medical control physician approve the transport can take place with the designated Tier II Critical Care ALS Transport provider and without a registered nurse accompanying the patient

Staffing

Staffing will include at a minimum (3 person crew):

- Tier II Critical Care ALS Transport paramedic– to remain with the patient at all times
- EMT-P or PHRN – to remain with the patient at all time
- EMT-B or EMT-P as driver

Medical Control

EMS System Medical Director or Designee at established Medical Control Communication Points and a written expanded scope of practice standard operating procedure signed by the EMS Medical Director and approved for use by IDPH.

Quality Assurance Program

A written Quality Assurance Plan approved by the EMS system and IDPH will be followed.