

# Monterey County EMS System Policy



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## ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT – RECEIVING HOSPITAL

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish standards for Advanced Life Support Receiving Hospitals in Monterey County.

### II. DEFINITIONS

A. An ALS Receiving Hospital is a hospital designated by the EMS Medical Director, which has a written agreement with the Monterey County EMS Agency to receive patients transported by Monterey County 911 emergency ambulances.

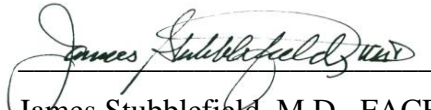
### III. POLICY

A. To be eligible for designation as an ALS Receiving Hospital, the hospital shall:

1. Be licensed by the State Department of Health Services as a general acute care hospital.
2. Be accredited by The Joint Commission.
3. Have a special permit for Stand-by, Basic, or Comprehensive Emergency Medical Service.
4. Accept emergency patients transported by ALS ambulances.
5. Maintain two-way radio and telephone capability for communication between ALS ambulances and receiving hospital. Maintain a dedicated phone line for ALS ambulance to receiving hospital communications.
6. Record all telephone lines and radios used for ambulance to receiving hospital communication and maintain those recordings for a period of two (2) years.
7. Cooperate with the Monterey County EMS Agency in providing statistics and information needed for monitoring and evaluating the ALS program.
8. Follow and abide by the standards established for ALS programs and for ALS Receiving Hospitals including those standards pertaining to professional staffing.
9. Participate in the Monterey County Quality Improvement (Q.I.) Program.
10. Ensure the emergency department staff, and other appropriate hospital personnel, possess sufficient skill and knowledge in ALS field procedures.

B. The EMS Agency shall enter into written agreement with each facility meeting the above requirements for designation as an ALS Receiving Hospital. The period of the agreement shall be at least two years and may be changed, renewed, canceled or other wise modified at that time.

C. The EMS Agency may deny, suspend, or revoke the Agreement with an ALS Receiving Hospital for failure to comply with any applicable policies, procedures, and regulations.

  
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