DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT INTERFACILITY
TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS WITH ST - ELEVATION MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION
(ALS PROVIDERS, HOSPITALS)
REFERENCE NO. 513.1

PURPOSE: To define the transportation options available for the Emergency Department (ED)
interfacility transfer of patients diagnosed with ST-elevation myocardial infarction
(STEMI) and who may require emergent percutaneous coronary intervention
(PCI).

AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code 1797.220 and 1798
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 100147 and 100169
Social Security Act Section 1867(a) (EMTALA) of the United States Code, Section 42

POLICY:

I. The ED interfacility transfer of STEMI patients shall comply with current EMTALA and Title
22 transfer laws and regulations for both sending and receiving hospitals.

Note: Transfer agreements between approved STEMI Receiving Centers (SRC) and
STEMI Referral Facilities (non-approved SRCS and non-PCI capable facilities)
are the optimal practice to facilitate the transfer process.

II. Transportation arrangements are the responsibility of the STEMI Referral Facility (SRF).
The appropriate transport modality (as defined in Ref. No. 517) should be made in
consultation with the receiving SRC.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:

1. Private Advanced Life Support (ALS) and/or Critical Care Transport (CCT) provider
agencies are to be utilized when agreements are in place and the ALS transport unit is
available within 10 minutes of the initial transport request.

2. The jurisdictional 9-1-1 provider agency may be contacted when it is known that a private
ALS transport unit is not available within 10 minutes. Patient destination shall comply with
Ref. No. 513, ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction Patient Destination.

A. 9-1-1 should be accessed only when the patient is ready for immediate transport.

B. Patients are to be transported to the SRC as directed by the SRF physician (base
hospital contact/notification guidelines apply).

C. Transport units may bypass the most accessible SRC to the prearranged receiving
SRC within 30 minutes if the provider-based resources at the time of transport
allow.

CROSS REFERENCES:
Prehospital Care Manual:
Ref. No. 513, ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Patient Destination
Ref. No. 517, Private Provider Agency Transport/Response Guidelines
Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA)

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