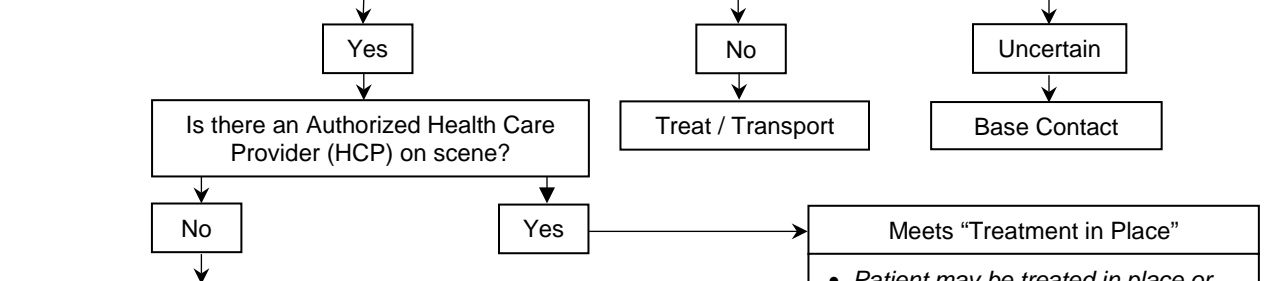


**SUBJECT: PATIENT REFUSAL OF TREATMENT/TRANSPORT REFERENCE NO. 834.1
 AND TREAT AND RELEASE AT SCENE
 QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE**

If EMS has assessed a patient who DOES NOT want transport to the hospital, this guide may be used to assist in determining the need for AMA; Assess, Treat and Release; or Treatment in Place

STEP 1 - Does the patient have Decision-Making Capacity?

The patient understands and can verbalize the risks/consequences of not receiving treatment / transport ideally in their own words – as EMS has described and EMS believes the patient has decision-making capacity



Meets "Treatment in Place"

- Patient may be treated in place or medically cleared by authorized HCP
- AMA required if patient meets Base Contact Requirements

STEP 2 - Does the patient have an emergency medical condition?

- Abnormal vital signs (except isolated asymptomatic HTN)
- Meets Base Contact Requirements (Ref. 1200.2)
- In the PM/EMT judgment, patient has an immediate need for medical attention



STEP 3 - Does the patient have a High-Risk Chief Complaint / Features OR Social Risk Factors?

- High-Risk Chief Complaints:** Chest Pain, Abdominal Pain, GI Bleeding, Pregnancy, Syncope Neurologic symptoms (including dizziness/vertigo, weakness, visual changes), and ALOC
- High-Risk Features:**
- Age <12 months or >70 years old
 - Patient with complicating co-morbidities: active cardiac, respiratory, liver or kidney disease, cancer, neurologic disease, or immunocompromised
- Social Risk Factors:** Homelessness, Congregate Living, Skilled Nursing Facility, Long Term Care Facility

