

Dispatch and Transportation Agreement between

and

Purpose

Montana statutes require a nontransporting EMS service to have a dispatch and transportation agreement with an ambulance service. This agreement between the above nontransporting unit and ambulance service is to assure the coordinated response and transport of patients experiencing a medical emergency.

Authority

ARM 37.104.513

(1) A nontransporting medical unit must have an agreement with a licensed ambulance service to ensure continuity of care and adequate transportation for its patients. An ambulance service is not required to approve of, or enter into an agreement with, a nontransporting medical unit.

(3) A nontransporting medical unit must:

(a) ensure that patients are transported by a licensed ambulance service, unless a licensed service is not reasonably available;

(b) ensure either that the patient is transported by an ambulance service licensed to provide at least the same level of patient care commenced by the nontransporting medical unit or that the ambulance service carries the personnel and equipment of the nontransporting medical unit with the patient to the hospital if a level of care has commenced which the ambulance service cannot legally continue; and

(c) have a written dispatch policy and procedure coordinated with a licensed ambulance service.

Dispatch Agreement

It is agreed by both services that if the ambulance service should receive a call for a medical response within the nontransporting unit's service area, the ambulance service will have the nontransporting unit dispatched to the same call as soon as possible. Should the nontransporting unit receive a call for a medical response within the ambulance service's service area, the nontransporting unit will have the ambulance service dispatched to the same call as soon as possible.

Transport Agreement

Both services agree to coordinate with each other for the provision of patient care. Transfer of patient care can take place after the ambulance service arrives. However, the nontransporting unit may transfer care to the ambulance service only if the ambulance service has personnel on board certified at a level qualified to monitor and continue such care. If necessary for continuity of care or if necessary to maintain a level of care commenced by the nontransporting unit, the ambulance service agrees to transport the nontransporting unit provider certified at the appropriate level or higher with the patient.

Duration of Agreement / Termination

This agreement shall be in effect upon signature of both services. The agreement shall be in effect until superseded by a new agreement or terminated. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing thirty days written notice to the other party and to the Montana EMS and Trauma Systems Section.

Dispatch Notification

A copy of this signed agreement has been provided to the following dispatch service(s):

Signatures

Signature, nontransporting service manager

date

Signature, ambulance service manager

date