

1 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
2 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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4 Section 1. Section 3½-1 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
5 amended to read as follows:

6 **Sec. 3½-1. Definitions.**

7 As used in this chapter:

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9 *Patient* means any person who needs emergency or nonemergency medical
10 treatment or transportation.

11 *Physician* means a person who is licensed to practice medicine in Florida under
12 the provisions of Chapter 458 or Chapter 459, Florida Statutes.

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14 *Routine transfer* means the transportation by ambulance of stretcher patients
15 under nonemergency conditions pursuant to this chapter. A routine transfer refers to
16 either an interfacility medical transfer between two (2) facilities licensed by the State of
17 Florida or a transfer that originates or terminates at a patient's residence.

18 *Specialty transport* means the transportation of an organ transplant patient or a
19 patient on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) by an EMS transport vehicle
20 (a) between two (2) facilities licensed under Chapter 395, Florida Statutes, of an organ
21 transplant patient or a patient on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) or (b)
22 to or from an airport.

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1 b. Applicants for Class 2 - ALS transfer or Class 5 - ALS specialty
2 transport must identify which vehicles will be used for this type of
3 service;

4 (13) The names and certification numbers of all EMTs and paramedics
5 employed by the applicant. Applicants for a Class 5 - ALS specialty
6 transport must provide the names of the physicians that may attend a
7 specialty transport;

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9 (k) A certificate for ALS rescue, ALS transfer, ~~and~~ ALS air rescue, or ALS
10 specialty transport granted by the Board is valid for the time period established by the
11 Board but not to exceed five (5) years, unless otherwise revoked, suspended, or modified.

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13 Section 4. Section 3½-12 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances is hereby
14 amended to read as follows:

15 **Sec. 3½-12. Rules, regulations, and reporting.**

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17 (b) *Personnel.*

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19 (2) No EMS provider will permit an EMT, paramedic, ~~or~~ driver, or physician to
20 provide patient care if the EMT, paramedic, ~~or~~ driver, or physician has pled
21 guilty or nolo contendere or has been convicted, even if adjudication was
22 withheld, of a misdemeanor or felony involving murder, manslaughter,
23 sexual battery, grand theft, or the sale or possession of illegal drugs and
24 has not been discharged from probation or parole or released from

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1 incarceration within the past five (5) years. Any person who meets the
2 criteria of a habitual offender under Section 775.084, Florida Statutes, shall
3 not be employed by any EMS provider awarded a certificate by the Board.

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5 (d) *Standards and Requirements for EMS Providers Providing ALS Service.*

6 (1) Each ALS rescue vehicle (other than an air ambulance) must be staffed with
7 a minimum of two (2) State-licensed paramedics. When ALS is being
8 performed on a patient whose medical condition is so unstable that there is
9 a significant risk of the patient's condition deteriorating while in route to an
10 emergency facility, the patient compartment of the ALS rescue vehicle must
11 be staffed by at least one (1) paramedic or ~~licensed~~ physician and either an
12 EMT, an additional physician, or an additional paramedic during
13 transportation to the emergency facility. The patient compartment of an
14 EMS transport vehicle providing a Class 5 - ALS specialty transport must
15 be staffed with a minimum of one (1) State-licensed paramedic and one (1)
16 State-licensed emergency medical technician physician (a medical intern or
17 resident does not qualify as a physician under this sentence). ~~The patient~~
18 compartment of the EMS transport vehicle may also include any of the
19 following, to the extent required by the patient's condition: physician(s),
20 registered nurse(s), perfusionist(s), registered respiratory therapist(s), and
21 additional paramedic(s).

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