

**CCEMS
OPERATIONS POLICY 100-29
POLICY FOR NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTS OF LARGE PATIENTS/
BARIATRIC TRANSPORTS**

I. PURPOSE

- 1.1 Establish procedures for the emergent and non-emergent transport of large patients to ensure the safety of the crews and patient.

II. POLICY

- 2.1 In non-emergency situations, when CCEMS is requested to transport large patients, employees will utilize the hydraulic cot. Additional crew members will be requested and utilized at the request of the responding or on-scene crew.
- 2.2 In emergency situations it is advisable for on scene crews to call for additional assistance or resources immediately upon recognizing the need.

III. PROCEDURE

- 3.1 When CCEMS receives notification that a patient weighs between 250 and 350 pounds is requiring non-emergency transportation out of the county, the crew will;
- 3.1.1 Only utilize one of the hydraulic cots.
- 3.1.2 Request assistance in loading and unloading the patient to and from the ambulance.
- 3.2 When CCEMS receives notification that a patient, weighing between 350 and 450 pounds is requiring non-emergency transportation out of the county, the crew will:
- 3.2.1 Only utilize the hydraulic cot.
- 3.2.2 Crew will utilize a Modular (box) Ambulance for transport.
- 3.2.3 Crews are permitted to request additional personnel at their discretion. This will vary due to crew configuration, proportion of the patient, etc.
- 3.2.4 Crews will utilize hospital personnel assistance when loading and unloading patient from ambulance if no additional personnel are accompanying this trip.
- 3.3 When CCEMS receives notification that a patient, weighing over 450 pounds is requiring non-emergency transportation out of the county, the crew will:
- 3.2.5 Utilize only the bariatric cot and approved ramp and winch system (IF IN OPERATION AND AVAILABLE)
- 3.3 If CCEMS bariatric cot is not available then another ambulance service with a bariatric system will need to be called for transport. CCEMS Administration will assist in finding a service.
- 3.4 In non-emergent situations where a person weighing over 450 pounds needs transported in-county, the CCEMS bariatric system will be used. If unavailable, then only the hydraulic cot will be used with a minimum of four (4) personnel being used during loading and unloading of the cot. This includes transporting the patient at a lower cot level and four (4) persons guiding the cot while in transit to and from ambulance.

- 3.5 For all non-emergency transports, in county, where patients weigh in excess of 225 pounds, attempts will be made to utilize the hydraulic cot.
- 3.6 When transporting patients weighing between 300 and 450, crews will only use the hydraulic cots or the bariatric cot. Even then, a minimum of three to four personnel are required in moving, loading and unloading the patient.
- 3.7 In the event of **EMERGENCY** situations of very large patients, crew members will dispatch additional units, fire departments and any other resource they deem necessary.

Director: 

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