



El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

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I. Policy:

- A. Transfer requests that include a request for the ambulance to wait on scene to return the patient may be honored if the estimated waiting time will be one hour or less.
 - 1. Paramedics shall indicate the actual wait time on the PCR so that appropriate ambulance billing can be made.
 - 2. Should the anticipated waiting time exceed one hour, the paramedics shall contact the ECC for further direction.

- B. If the estimated waiting time exceeds one hour, the ambulance may, at the discretion of the ECC, return to its assigned post assignment and become available immediately after transporting the patient.
 - 1. The ECC will schedule an ambulance for the return trip according to standard transfer procedures.
 - 2. Transfer assignments will be made at the discretion of the ECC in accordance with the System Status Management Policy

- C. Exceptions to this policy may be made by the ECC based on system demands in accordance with the System Status Management Policy.

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the most efficient utilization of resources while ensuring that adequate resources remain available to respond to requests for service.