



**EVALUATION WITHOUT TREATMENT OR EMS TRANSPORT (RELEASE IN FIELD)**

This standing order applies when a patient for whom 9-1-1 response has occurred and there is no required EMT or Paramedic treatment and the patient declines EMS transport.

**STANDING ORDER: ADULT RELEASE IN THE FIELD**

1. A competent<sup>1</sup> adult or an emancipated minor who has been offered EMS transport from the field may decline that offer without being asked to sign AMA (see SO-AMA) when ALL of the following criteria are met:
  - A. An appropriately focused primary and secondary exam confirm that no medical emergency exists for the patient and no EMT or paramedic treatment intervention is indicated.<sup>2</sup>
  - B. The patient clearly communicates that they do not request EMS services and decline EMS transport.
  - C. The patient has been advised and communicates they understand that they may seek further assessment from a health care provider.
  - D. The scene and situation in which the patient is being left is not a threat to their health and personal safety.

**STANDING ORDER: UNDER AGE OF CONSENT (LESS THAN 18 YEARS-OLD) RELEASE IN THE FIELD:**

1. Patients less than 18 years-old who have been offered EMS transport from the field may decline that offer when ALL of the following criteria are met:
  - A. An appropriately focused primary and secondary exam confirm that no medical emergency exists for the minor and no EMT or paramedic treatment intervention is indicated.<sup>2</sup>
  - B. The minor's parent or legal representative has been contacted or is present at the scene and does not request EMS services and declines EMS transport. If the parent or legal representative is not available, a self-sufficient minor may still be released at scene after all appropriate attempts are made and documented to locate the parent or legal guardian.<sup>3</sup>
  - C. The parent or legal guardian, if available, has been advised and communicates they understand that they may seek further assessment from a health care provider.
  - D. The scene and situation in which the minor is being left is not a threat to their health and personal safety.

**DOCUMENTATION:**

Complete PCR documentation is required for any patient or minor released in the field. Confirmation and description of how each criterion required for release is met must be documented in the narrative and the patient disposition coded as "No Treatment Required".

**NOTES:**

1. **Competent** means an adult patient (or emancipated minor), that has the capacity to understand the circumstances surrounding his/her illness or impairment, and the risks associated with declining transport; and is alert, oriented and his/her judgment is not impaired for any reason.
2. **EMT or paramedic treatment intervention** means any procedure or treatment included in the OCEMS EMT or Paramedic scope of practice; does not include basic first aid.
3. **Appropriate attempts to locate the parent or legal guardian** include attempts to contact by telephone or mobile device with voice message left if not answered.

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