**2.8 Patient Restrictions Policy**

**Purpose**: To provide guidelines for patient restrictions under non-emergency transportation

**Policy:**

(a) When "in-service," a non-emergency transportation vehicle may be utilized to provide non-emergency health care transportation to sick, infirm or otherwise disabled persons:

1. Who are under the care or supervision of a physician or other recognized health care provider;

2. Whose medical condition is not of sufficient magnitude or gravity to require transportation in a BLS ambulance, but does require transportation from place to place for medical care; and

3. Whose utilization of an alternate form of transportation, such as taxicab, bus, other public conveyance or private vehicle might create a serious risk to life and health. This shall include those persons who are either ambulatory or wheelchair-bound.

(b) A non-emergency medical transportation shall not be utilized to provide transportation to persons who, based upon current medical condition or past medical history, require:

1. Transportation in a prone or supine position (including persons that are bed-or stretcher-bound);

2. Constant attendance due to a medical and/or mental condition;

3. Aspiration or suctioning;

4. Management or observation of intravenous fluids and/or intravenous medications unless

i. The device is totally self-sufficient, including medication supply and patient interface devices;

ii. The device requires no interaction or intervention by non-emergency transportation crewmembers; and

iii. The device is of the type approved by the FDA for home administration of medications;

5. An automatic ventilator or whose breathing is ventilator assisted unless:

i. The device is totally self-sufficient (including gas supply and power source);

ii. The device requires no monitoring or interaction by non-emergency transportation crewmembers; and

iii. The device is of the type approved for home utilization on patients;

6. Pre-hospital basic or advanced life support emergency medical care;

7. A BLS or ALS inter-facility transfer;

8. Treatment in the emergency department of a general hospital (for other than a set appointment or routine non-emergency follow-up care of a previously diagnosed condition);

9. Treatment in, or admission to, the obstetrical unit (labor and delivery suite) or the Intensive and/or coronary care unit of a general hospital; or

10. Transportation in physical behavioral restraints.

(c) A patient who is receiving oxygen from a portable supply routinely utilized by the patient may be transported in a non-emergency transportation vehicle without the presence of an EMT-Basic, provided that there is no need for the non-emergency transportation crewmember to monitor, regulate or control the oxygen system.

(d) A non-emergency transportation vehicle shall not carry more than nine passengers at any given time.

(e) An non-emergency transportation vehicle shall not be utilized as a BLS ambulance.

(f) When not "in-service," a non-emergency transportation vehicle may be utilized to provide

non-health care services.