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<b>POLICY:</b>	<b>100.09 DEFINITION OF PRE-HOSPITAL HEALTHCARE</b>		
<b>APPROVAL:</b>	VICE PRESIDENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; MANAGER OF EMS;		
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE: 2/16/2024</b>			<b>ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/16</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC</b>		<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b>	

**I. Purpose:**

To define emergency medical services (EMS) rendered to a patient on the scene and during transport prior to initiation of in-hospital patient care.

To define basic life support (BLS) care, advance life support (ALS) care, and critical care transport.

**II. Definitions:**

**A. Pre-Hospital Care:**

Pre-hospital care means those emergency medical services rendered to emergency patient for analytic, resuscitative, stabilizing or preventative purposes, precedent to and during transportation of such patient to health care facilities.

**B. Inter-hospital Care:**

Inter-hospital care means those medical services rendered to patient for analytic, resuscitative, stabilizing, or preventative purposes, during transportation of such patients from one hospital to another hospital

**C. Emergency Medical Responder Services:**

Emergency Medical Responder Services are a preliminary level of pre-hospital emergency care that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), monitoring vital signs, and control of bleeding, as outlined in the Emergency Medical Responder curriculum of the National EMS Education standards and any modifications to that curriculum specified in rules 210 ILCS 50/EMS adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. That care shall be initiated, where authorized by the EMS Medical Director in a Department approved EMS System, under the written or verbal direction of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or under the verbal direction of an Emergency Communications Registered Nurse (ECRN).

**D. Basic Life Support:**

Basic Life Support services means the rendering of basic level of pre-hospital and inter-hospital emergency care, and non-emergency medical services that includes airways management, administration of medications, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), control of shock and bleeding, and splinting of fractures as outlined in the provisions of the National EMS Education Standards relating to Basic Life Support and any modifications to that curriculum specified in rules 210 ILCS 50/EMS adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. That care shall be initiated, where authorized by the EMS Medical Director in a Department approved EMS System, under the written or verbal direction of a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or under the verbal direction of an Emergency Communications Registered Nurse (ECRN).

**E. Intermediate Life Support:**

Intermediate Life support means an intermediate level of pre-hospital and inter-hospital emergency care and non-emergency medical services that includes Basic Life Support care plus intravenous therapy and fluid therapy, invasive airway management, trauma care, and

