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<b>POLICY:</b>	<b>500.06 ALTERNATE RESPONSE VEHICLES</b>		
<b>APPROVAL:</b>	<b>VICE PRESIDENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; MANAGER OF EMS;</b>		
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE: 2/16/2024</b>			<b>ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/2022</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT SPECIFIC</b>		<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b>	

**I. PURPOSE:**

To give guidance to System Providers on the Operation of Alternate Response Vehicles within the Morris Hospital EMS System

**II. Policy**

**A.** Ambulance Assistance Vehicles are dispatched simultaneously with an ambulance and assist with patient care prior to the arrival of the ambulance. These assistance vehicles include fire engines, trucks, squad cars or chief's cars, UTV's and golf carts that contain the staff and equipment required by this Section. These vehicles will not function as assist vehicles if staff and equipment required by this Section are not available. The agency will identify these vehicles as a program plan amendment outlining the type and level of response that is planned. The vehicle will not transport or be a primary response vehicle but a supplementary vehicle to support EMS services. The vehicle will be dispatched only if needed. Ambulance assistance vehicles will be classified as either:

1. ALS ambulance assistance vehicles will be staffed with a minimum of one System authorized Paramedic, PHRN or physician and will have all required equipment;
2. ILS ambulance assistance vehicles will be staffed with a minimum of one System authorized A-EMT/EMT-I, Paramedic, PHRN or physician and will have all required equipment;
3. BLS ambulance assistance vehicles will be staffed with a minimum of one System authorized EMT, A-EMT/EMT-I, Paramedic, PHRN or physician and will have all required equipment;
4. EMR (First Responder) assistance vehicles will be staffed with a minimum of one System authorized EMR, EMT, A-EMT/EMT-I, Paramedic, PHRN or physician and will have all required equipment.
5. **Non-Transport Vehicles** These are dispatched in accordance with a transporting ambulance. This could be for ease of entry such as at a festival or when a responding ambulance is further than desired. These vehicles include ambulances and fire engines that contain the staff and equipment required by this Section. The vehicle service provider will identify non-transport vehicles as a program plan amendment outlining the type and level of response that is planned. Non-transport vehicles will be ready for response 24 hours per day, every day of the year.

### III.

- A. ALS Non-Transport Vehicles will be staffed with a minimum of either one System authorized Paramedic or PHRN and one additional System authorized EMT, A-EMT/EMT-I, Paramedic, PHRN or physician and will have all required equipment;
- B. ILS Non-Transport Vehicles will be staffed with a minimum of either one System authorized A-EMT/EMT-I, Paramedic or PHRN and one additional System authorized EMT, AEMT/EMT-I, Paramedic, PHRN or physician and will have all required equipment;
- C. BLS Non-Transport Vehicles will be staffed with a minimum of either one System authorized EMT, A-EMT/EMT-I, Paramedic or PHRN and one additional System authorized EMT, AEMT/EMT-I, Paramedic, PHRN or physician and will have all required equipment;
- D. EMR (First Responder) Non-Transport Vehicles will be staffed with a minimum of either one System authorized EMR, EMT, A-EMT/EMT-I, Paramedic or PHRN and one additional System authorized EMR, EMT, A-EMT/EMT-I, Paramedic, PHRN or physician and will have all required equipment.

IV. Equipment requirements: Each vehicle used as an alternate response vehicle shall be staffed and inspected as outlined by IDPH in Section 515.825 of the Illinois Joint Commission Administration Rules. See the “Alternate Response Vehicle Required Equipment Form” in the Forms and Appendices section of this manual.

### V.

Registration of Non-Transport Provider Agencies: Each non-transport provider will complete and submit to IDPH either the [EMS Non-Transport Provider Application](#) or [EMS Non-Transport Application for Existing Transport Provider](#)

VI. Inspection of Non-Transport EMS Providers: IDPH will schedule initial inspections. Thereafter, non-transport ambulance assist providers shall perform annual self-inspections, using the [EMS Non-Transport Inspection Form Provider](#). Upon completion of the self-inspection, forward the completed and signed form to the System for review, who will forward to IDPH for license renewal. IDPH will perform random inspections or as a result of a complaint

VII. Issuance and Renewal of License: Upon payment of the fee (when assigned), qualifying non-transport providers will be issued a provider license that lists a number for each level of care approved. Licenses will not be issued for individual Non-Transport Vehicles. Providers will inform the EMS System and IDPH of any modifications to the application, using the [EMS System Plan Modification](#) forms. Licenses will be issued for one year and will be renewed upon receipt of self-inspections

**Approval:**

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