



EMS SYSTEM ADVISORY #2025-10/09

TO: Riverside County EMS System

FROM: Michael Moore, EMS Administrator

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SUBJECT: Policy 3304 Scene Management Update

DATE: October 9, 2025

Effective October 2025, REMSA policy 3304 (Scene Management) has been updated. This update comes as a result of clarification requested by partner agencies in the EMS system after the removal of REMSA policy 3308 (ALS to BLS Downgrade). While REMSA Operational Policy is not typically updated outside of the PUC cycle, this language is meant to provide clarity to our EMS System partners. The language in the policy was updated through a collaborative effort with PMAC voting membership and approved at the 09/29/25 PMAC meeting. Please see the language below:

When a patient is identified, only through Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), as needing BLS level of care (Alpha (A) or Omega (O) determinant) and a BLS ambulance is dispatched, the first response agency paramedic will determine if the patient is appropriate for BLS level of care. If the first response paramedic deems the patient not appropriate for BLS care and transport, an ALS unit must be requested, or the first response paramedic must maintain patient care and accompany the BLS ambulance to provide the appropriate level of treatment. If any ALS interventions/skills are performed (identified as ALS patient management within REMSA Policy 4104 Skills List) or identified as being needed, the patient requires ALS transport. If a patient receives BLS level response (BLS first response and ambulance) and is identified by providers as needing/benefiting from any ALS intervention/skills/monitoring (identified as ALS patient management within REMSA Policy 4104 Skills List), an ALS unit must be requested to support the needs of the patient. Similarly, if there is a disagreement on the level of care that is required for the patient (i.e. first response paramedic transferring care to a BLS level ambulance), and a conclusion cannot be made on scene, base hospital contact should be made to determine the appropriate level of transport.

If you have general questions, please contact the EMS Agency at (951) 358-5029. For urgent matters, contact the REMSA Duty Officer at (951) 712-3342.

