





Administrative Policy		3308
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Policy: ALS to BLS Downgrade	Approval: Medical Director Reza Vaezazizi, MD	Signed 
Applies To: First Responder Serv., Transport Services	Approval: REMSA Director Bruce Barton	Signed 

PURPOSE

To establish criteria for downgrading from an ALS level of care to BLS level of care in the pre-hospital setting when responding to Riverside County Emergency Command Center Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) response determinant calls.

AUTHORITY

[California Health and Safety Code - Division 2.5: Emergency Medical Services \[1797.204.\]](#)

[California Health and Safety Code - Division 2.5: Emergency Medical Services \[1797.206.\]](#)

Downgrade Procedures

The following procedures must be completed prior to transfer of patient from Advanced Life Support (ALS) to Basic Life Support (BLS) level of care:

1. ALS first response service provider must be dispatched by a Riverside County Emergency Medical Service Agency (REMSA) authorized Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) center. ALS first response service provider must be responding to EMD response level Omega or Alpha calls.
2. Complete paramedic assessment must be completed and documented on electronic patient care report (ePCR).
3. No ALS intervention is warranted or has been initiated.
4. Paramedic judgement indicates the patient does not require ALS level of care.
5. If the patient’s condition deteriorates during the transport, the BLS resource shall transport the patient to the closest most appropriate receiving center, and make appropriate notifications.