

**MARQUETTE COUNTY EMS MEDICAL CONTROL AUTHORITY
EQUIPMENT FAILURE**

I. VEHICLE OUT OF SERVICE

The Michigan Department of Community Health through Public Act 368, Section 20921 (1) a. requires an EMS agency to provide at least one ambulance available for response to requests for emergency assistance on a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week basis in accordance with local medical control authority protocols.

If you cannot operate or staff at least one vehicle for response, life support agencies will comply with the following:

R 325.22116 - Inability to provide service.

Rule 116. (1) If a life support agency cannot operate or staff at least 1 vehicle for response to an emergency within its service area in accordance with the code, these rules, or applicable protocols, then the life support agency shall do all of the following:

(a) Immediately notify the department and medical control authority within its service area when it cannot provide at least 1 ambulance available for response to requests for emergency assistance on a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week basis in accordance with medical control authority protocols.

(b) Immediately notify the department of a change that would alter the information contained on its application.

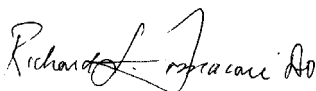
(c) Notify the dispatch center that regularly receives requests for its services, and other public safety agencies if appropriate, that it is not available to respond. The notification shall advise the dispatch center of the period in which the agency will be out of service and the name of the agency that will be covering its service area.

(d) Notify life support agencies providing secondary response capabilities.

II. PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT FAILURE

The failure of equipment required for the administration of pre-hospital care must be reported to the Medical Control office within 24 hours. The Medical Control office will advise the individual making the report as to whether a written report is required, and whether further communication is indicated. Written reports will be kept on file at Medical Control office.

AUTHENTICATION AND APPROVAL



Marquette County EMS Medical Director
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