

Memorandum of Understanding
Between the
Alabama Department of Public Health Office of Emergency Medical Services &
Trauma
And
Medical Direction Facility

This Memorandum of Understanding entered into by and between the Alabama, Department of Public Health (hereinafter referred to as “the Department), Office of EMS and Trauma, (hereinafter referred to as the “OEMS&T”), and Medical Direction Facility, (hereinafter referred to as “the Medical Direction Facility”, is effective October 1, 2009, and terminates September 30, 2012.

WHEREAS, the Department’s OEMS&T regulates and licenses the components of Alabama EMS & Trauma system to provide out-of-hospital (or pre-hospital) emergency medical care for the citizens and visitors of Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, it is mandatory that licensed out-of-hospital emergency medical care providers have on-line medical direction available in order to execute emergency medical life-saving procedures to a sick or injured person. On-line medical direction can only be provided by a Medical Direction Hospital physician in possession of Medical Direction Physician Identification number (MDPID #); and certain hospitals in the State of Alabama act as medical direction hospitals to provide oversight of out-of-hospital emergency medical care providers.

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THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following:

The medical direction facility agrees to:

- Comply with Alabama Administrative Code, Rule 420-2-1-.06 to include, but not be limited to:
- Maintain a designated full-time, contracted on-line medical director.
- Provide full-time licensed emergency physician coverage for on-line medical direction to Emergency Medical Service Personnel for pre-hospital care on a 24 hour per day, 7 day per week basis in accordance with approved operation, administrative and protocols.
- Ensure each on-line medical direction physician has and maintains a Medical Direction Physician number (formally known as MCPID). Regions should be notified of any deletion or additions.
- Require the Medical Direction Physician to review and report violations of pre-hospital emergency medical care, rules and regulations, and/or protocols to EMS personnel, their supervisor and the contractor or designee of the OEMS&T.
- Maintain a radio system capable of communicating on 155.340 MHZ (HEAR).(dedicated phone number and recording capability of both)

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- Record all telephonic and radio communications which involve on-line medical direction. Recordings will be made available to the OEMS&T, contractor or designee's EMS Medical Director upon request. Recordings must be archived for at least 5 years.

The Department's OEMS&T agrees to:

- Assign a representative from the OEMS&T to the medical direction facility for effective and consistent communications regarding the Alabama EMS system components, protocols, rules and regulations.
- Provide free MDPID training to all qualified physicians.
- Officially designate each hospital meeting stated requirements.
- Provide updates and training on emergency medical care protocols.
- Communicate care issues and provide assistance as it is available to purchase and maintain an operational H.E.A.R. system.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be canceled at any time by either party by giving a thirty day written notice to the other party.

Name of Medical Direction Facility

Alabama Department of Public Health
Office of EMS and Trauma

Signed: _____
Owner or Representatives Name

Signed: _____
Director of EMS and Trauma

Date: _____

Date: _____

Address:
Address line 1
Address line 2
Address Line 3

APPROVED
Alabama Department of Public Health

Signed: _____
Donald E. Williamson, M.D.
State Health Officer

Telephone: Phone #
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Date: _____

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