

EMS Revenue Recovery Definition of Terms

Advanced Life Support (ALS) Level 1 – ALS -1: Where medically necessary, transportation by ground ambulance vehicle, medically necessary supplies and services, and either an ALS assessment by ALS personnel or the provision of at least one ALS intervention. EMT-Intermediate scope includes but not limited to:

- Administration of IV fluids (except blood or blood products).
- Peripheral venous puncture.
- Blood drawing.
- Monitoring IV solutions during transport that contain potassium.
- Administration of approved medications, IV, Sub Q, sublingual, nebulizer inhalation, IM (limited to deltoid and thigh sites only).

Advanced Life Support (ALS) Level 2 – ALS - 2: Where medically necessary, transportation by ground ambulance vehicle, medically necessary supplies and services, and at least three separate administrations of one or more medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion, excluding crystalloid hypotonic, isotonic and hypertonic solutions (dextrose, normal saline, or ringer's lactate); by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion excluding crystalloid hypotonic, isotonic and hypertonic solutions (dextrose, normal saline, or ringer's lactate); or transportation, medically necessary supplies and services, and the provision of at least one of the following procedures:

- Manual defibrillation/cardioversion.
- Endotracheal intubation.
- Central venous line.
- Cardiac pacing.
- Chest decompression.
- Surgical airway.

- Intraosseous line.

Basic Life Support (BLS) – BLS is transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services for a specific level of pre-hospital medical care provided by trained responders. BLS is maintenance of the airway, breathing, and circulation. BLS may also include considerations of patient transport such as the protection of the cervical spine and avoiding additional injuries through splinting and immobilization.

Compassionate Billing – Intended to eliminate or minimize out-of-pocket expenses for ambulance services for those that do not have the means to pay. Any person receiving emergency medical transport may submit a waiver request form stating a financial hardship in accordance with the procedure set forth by the County of Louisa.

Explanation of Benefits (EOB) – This form provided to the insured persons by insurance companies, explains the claims processed by the insurance company for benefits provided to the insured.

Fair Billing – Everyone receiving service from the County of Louisa must receive a bill/statement, whether they have insurance or not.

Ground transport mileage (GTM) – Assessed per statute mile from the location of the incident scene to a hospital or other facility where a patient is transported.

Transport – Transport of a patient from the location of the incident scene or center point of transport where an incident scene or address is located, to a hospital or other facility where the patient is transported.