



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

<b>Policy Title:</b>	<b>CCT: PASSENGERS IN VEHICLES</b>		
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**PURPOSE:**

Due to liability and safety factors, only personnel authorized by Care Ambulance will be allowed in Care Ambulance Service vehicles.

**DEFINITION(S):**

None

**POLICY:**

Passengers in Vehicles

**PROCEDURE:**

When transporting patients, one family member and/or friend will be allowed to ride in the ambulance cab. Generally speaking, only patients will be allowed in the patient compartment. Exceptions may be made during situations where the patient will be better managed when accompanied by a friend or family member in the patient compartment. Exceptions may also be made during extended transfers.

In the event that the patient is experiencing a life-threatening event that may require extensive medical resuscitative efforts, the decision to allow a family member to accompany the patient shall be made by transport personnel.

In the event that a family member is left at a medical facility without sufficient transportation, the on-duty Operation Manager shall be notified and respond to the facility for family member transport.

**ATTACHMENTS/FORMS:**

None

**REFERENCE(S)/AUTHORITY:**

None

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