

Central DuPage Emergency Medical Services System

**In-Field Level Upgrade**

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**PURPOSE:**

To establish a procedure for ALS personnel who board a BLS ambulance to provide a higher level of care.

**POLICY:**

ALS personnel boarding a BLS ambulance to care for a patient may transfer ALS equipment and drugs for the trip.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Upon request of a BLS ambulance for assistance, an ALS crew may board the BLS vehicle and begin care of the patient.
2. All ALS equipment must be transferred to the BLS ambulance if care is to be provided in the BLS ambulance.
3. The paramedics will assume responsibility from the EMT's for the care and treatment of the patient.
4. An ALS patient may never be transferred to a BLS crew.
5. EMT's may assist paramedics enroute and on the scene if so requested.
6. The BLS ambulance will be approved by the CDEMSS to function as an ALS ambulance for the transport.
7. The patient may be transferred from the BLS ambulance to the ALS ambulance instead of transferring equipment if deemed appropriate by paramedics assuming responsibility for the patient.