

STANDING ORDERS

ADMINISTRATIVE 1.25

- I. Standing orders allow EMS providers the opportunity to implement patient care activities without establishing radio contact with a Medical Direction Authority.
- II. Independent, off-line practice often requires additional responsibility on the part of the provider when it comes to judgment and documentation. There are key components to the written report when standing orders are utilized. Thorough documentation of an adequate assessment is essential. Reference to inclusion and exclusion criteria is recommended, with attention also paid to pertinent negatives. It should be clear why the particular standing order was chosen. Implementation of and response to interventions are a critical part of the prehospital report. Patient's medication allergies shall be checked prior to initiating orders.
- III. When a standing order has been initiated, the EMS provider must relay the appropriate patient related information to the receiving hospital via radio or through dispatch. Direct on-line communication with the trauma center is required for all patients meeting trauma triage criteria.

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