

# Houston Fire Department Patient Care Guidelines and Standing Orders For BLS and ALS Units

## GEOGRAPHICAL AREA / DUTY STATUS / NON-EMS CERTIFIED LICENSED MEDICAL PERSONNEL

### GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

The guidelines shall only be utilized under my medical direction within the Houston city limits, mutual aid areas, when operating in regional deployments and when transferring patients.

### DUTY STATUS

Houston Fire Department EMS personnel are authorized to utilize these guidelines under my medical direction only when acting in their official capacity (i.e. on-duty) when representing the Houston Fire Department as defined in the *BLS and ALS Guidelines, Patient Care Guidelines and Standing Orders, HFD Rules and Regulations* and other written directives and guidelines.

### NON EMS-CERTIFIED LICENSED MEDICAL PERSONNEL

Includes RN's and other allied healthcare personnel (other than licensed physicians authorized to function within the City of Houston EMS system). Currently, the Houston Fire Department Physician Director does not recognize nor utilize persons in this category. All personnel performing direct patient care within the City of Houston EMS system possess valid TDSHS EMS certification and function under the appropriate guidelines as EMT's or paramedics.

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