



# Healthcare Facility Guide for 911 Response to Interfacility Transport Request

This guide is in reference to 911 response to a healthcare facility for assistance with interfacility transport, and does not supplant preexisting private EMS agency and facility transport agreements which may be in place.

## Denver Metro EMS Medical Directors' Position Regarding ALS 911 System Interfacility Transport Assistance

EMS providers are required to follow Denver Metro 911 Protocol when transporting patients. If a patient requires immediate transport and a specialty/critical care transport team is not available in a timely fashion, *AND* the patient requires treatment outside Denver Metro 911 protocol (see <http://dmemsmd.org/protocols>), *AND* treatment cannot be safely interrupted for duration of EMS transport (e.g. drip cannot be turned off), *THEN* either wait for specialty/critical care team or send a nurse or qualified healthcare provider with the EMS crew.

### No Medication Pump Infusions

Infusions are to be gravity flow only and are limited to epinephrine and dopamine.

### No Mechanical Ventilators

Patients requiring mechanical ventilation will be bagged. An exception is allowed if the patient is on a ventilator at home.

## Relevant ALS Procedures Authorized Under Denver Metro 911 Protocol

Advanced airway maintenance with bag ventilations <b>ONLY</b>	CPAP
Nasogastric and orogastric tube maintenance	Central line maintenance/use (including PICC)
12-Lead ECG monitoring and analysis	Urinary catheter maintenance
Gravity flow crystalloid by IV/IO	
<i>911 may transport patients with medications, nutritional support, ventilators, and other medical devices which are already in place and managed day-to-day at a residence by the patient or a caretaker.</i>	

For a complete list of medications authorized under Denver Metro 911 Protocol, refer to <http://dmemsmd.org/protocols>

### Patient Destination

All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate sending physician's destination choice, as specialized care may have already been arranged at the receiving facility, however, transports must be consistent with individual agency and Denver Metro Protocol as well as RETAC Trauma Triage Algorithm.