Obtain patient history and document any of the following:
1. Rectal pressure
2. Contractions less than or equal to 2 minutes apart
3. Uncomfortable and unable to ambulate
4. Vaginal bleeding
5. Ruptured membranes
6. Uncontrollable urge to push

Any of the above present?

YES

Request ALS assistance

Check for crowning

Crowning present?

YES

Prepare for birth

Control delivery of head with palm of hand so it does not emerge too quickly

Check for cord around the neck

If present, refer to Nuchal Cord SMO (G-3.4)

Guide head and neck as upper shoulders are delivered

Support baby as body delivers

See Postpartum Care SMO

NO

Monitor for above

Time contractions

NO

Place patient on left side

Time contractions

BLS Non-Transport

Prepare for transport and contact Medical Control as appropriate

BLS Ambulance

Contact Medical Control and transport to ED with an approved OB facility

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