



**REGION 11  
CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM  
POLICY**

Title: EMS Staffing
Section: Patient Care
Approved: EMS Medical Directors Consortium
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## **EMS STAFFING**

- I. Appropriate minimum staffing of:
  - A. A first responder unit shall consist of 2 licensed first responders.
  - B. An advanced life support (ALS) company shall consist of 1 licensed paramedic and 1 licensed EMT-B.
  - C. A basic life support (BLS) ambulance shall consist of 2 licensed EMT-Bs.
  - D. An ALS ambulance shall consist of 2 licensed paramedics.
- II. The ambulance service provider must petition the Emergency Medical Service Medical Director (EMSMD) for waiver of this system policy. The EMSMD will comment and request consideration by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).
- III. A licensed paramedic or EMT-B must accompany the patient in the patient compartment at all times.