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FAMILY MEMBERS RIDING WITH PATIENT

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PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for managing patient family members as riders on Emergency Medical Vehicle.

PROCEDURES:

All EMS calls should be regarded as true emergencies, with patient care being the single most important factor.

Family members riding to the hospital in the module of the ambulance is discouraged

It is recognized, however, that occasionally there will be exceptional cases in which the EMS crew may decide that it is necessary to have a family member accompany them in the ambulance. In such cases, the following guidelines should be used:

Requests by friends or family of the patient to accompany them to the hospital are left to the discretion of the crew.

Only one friend or family member may be allowed to ride.

They may ride in the driver's compartment of the unit unless the patient is a minor and the parents have a calming effect on the child.

Seat belts must be used.

The emotional state of the passenger should be such that it will not interfere with the treatment of the patient.

The only exception to the above guidelines is if the patient is a child and both parents request to accompany him/her. In this case, one parent may ride in the treatment compartment (exact location is at the discretion of the lead EMT) and the other in the driver's compartment.

The rider's name and relationship to the patient _____ should be documented in writing on the run form.

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