

PURPOSE: The purpose of the policy is to provide a standardized list of equipment and supplies for basic life support (BLS) non-transport responders and non-emergency BLS ambulance providers in San Joaquin County.

AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220

POLICY:

- I. Each BLS provider is required to develop a daily checkout sheet, which at a minimum lists all of the required items in this policy. Each BLS provider shall require each attending EMT to conduct an inspection of their assigned ambulance or non-transport BLS unit at the beginning of their shift using the BLS provider’s daily checkout sheet.
- II. The attending EMT on each ambulance or non-transport BLS unit is responsible for ensuring that all medications and equipment are present at the beginning of each shift, that all equipment is functioning properly, and that all battery-powered devices are charged.
- III. All BLS emergency ambulances, non-emergency ambulances, and BLS non-transport units shall be stocked and equipped as specified in this policy.
- IV. The quantities specified are minimum quantities.
- V. Expiration dates for medications and supplies must be current, as applicable. All medications, supplies, and equipment shall be stored in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendation.
- VI. In addition to the items listed below, all ambulances must meet the minimum requirements set forth for ambulances in Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Division 2, Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 1103.2.

	QUANTITIES REQUIRED	
	BLS Non-Transport	BLS Transport
Medication/Solutions		
Glucose Paste	1 Tubes	1 Tubes
Saline/Sterile Water 1000 cc Irrigating	3	2
Airway Management Supplies & Equipment		
In ambulance oxygen source, minimum of 500 PSI with a wall mounted regulator	0	1
Portable oxygen - D or E size cylinders, minimum of 200 PSI, with	1	1

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	QUANTITIES REQUIRED	
	BLS Non-Transport	BLS Transport
regulator		
Spare Portable oxygen - D or E size cylinders, minimum of 1800 PSI	1	1
Manual suction device or Battery powered suction unit	1	1
Suction Catheters, Size 6, 8 or 10, 12 or 14, 18 (See Footnote #1)	1	1
Connecting tubing for suction units (See Footnote #2)	2	2
Yankauer Tonsil Tip Suction Catheter (See Footnote #3)	0	2
Disposable bag valve device - <i>adult</i> , with appropriate connector masks	2	2
Disposable bag valve device – pediatric, with appropriate connector masks for <i>child and infant</i>)	1 ea	1 ea
Water soluble lubricating jelly	1 Tube	1 Tube
Oropharyngeal Airway Kit	1 ea	1 ea
Nasopharyngeal Airways, Sizes 20, 24, 28, 32, 36 French	1 ea	1 ea
Nasal Cannula, pediatric	1	1
Nasal Cannula, adult	2	2
Adult Non-rebreather oxygen mask	2	2
Pediatric Non-rebreather oxygen mask	2	1
Patient Assessment Supplies & Equipment		
Soft ankle/wrist restraints	0	4
Stethoscope	1	1
Penlight	1	1
Blood pressure cuff: thigh, adult, child, infant	1 ea	1 ea
Thermometer, tapes or equivalent	1	1
Rolls of tape, size 1" or 2" or 3" Hypoallergenic (Transpore/paper)	2	1
Bandage shears (heavy duty)	1	1
OB Kit, which includes: 1 - pair of sterile gloves, 1 - drape sheet, 2 - umbilical clamps, 4 – disposal towels, 2 - O.B. towelettes, 1 - bulb syringe, 2 - alcohol preps, 1 – sterile O.B. pad , 1 - plastic bag for placenta, 2 - twist ties, 1 - receiving blanket, 3 - gauze sponges, (pk/2)	1	1
Automated External Defibrillator – Compliant with the current AHA Guidelines	1	1
AED electrodes adult	1 set	1 set
AED pads adult	2 pair	2 pair
Bed pan/fracture pan	0	2
Disposable Blanket	1	1
Covered waste container	0	1
Emesis basins	0	2
Urinal	0	2

1 Required for battery powered suction device.
2 Required for battery powered suction device.
3 Required for battery powered suction device.

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	BLS Non-Transport	BLS Transport
Trauma Supplies & Equipment		
Long board with restraint straps	1	1
Head immobilization devices(See Footnote #4)	2	1
Short extrication device (i.e., KED)	1	1
Traction splint adult	1	1
Cervical collars – Various adult and pediatric sizes or adjustable collars	2 ea	2 ea
Sterile burn sheets	2	2
Air occlusive dressings	2	2
4 x 4 gauze pads	10	10
Rigid splints – for splinting each extremity	1 ea	2 ea
Trauma dressings	2	2
Gauze roll type bandages, size 2 or 4 or 6	2	2
Triangular bandages	1	1
Instant ice packs	2	2
Tourniquet - Only authorized models are: SOF Tactical Tourniquet or the Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT)	1	1
General Equipment		
San Joaquin County Map Book (current within 2 years) or GPS Equivalent	1	1
Map book for assigned response zones or district (current within 1 year) or GPS Equivalent	1	1
Battery operated flashlight	1	1
Functional environmental controls for heat and air condition for the patient compartment.	0	1
Patient compartment door latches operable from inside and outside.		
Patient sheets	0	2
Patient blankets	0	2
Patient pillows	0	2
Ambulance gurney with mattress, capable of elevating the head, feet, and adjustable to several levels	0	1
Mobile or portable radio(s) that are able communicate on Med Net, HEAR and Cal Cord	Cal Cord Only	1
Mobile company radio	1	1
Portable company radio	1	1
San Joaquin County EMS Agency BLS Protocols	1 set	1 set
Field Operations Guide ICS 420-1 (FOG Manual), current edition	1	1
START Triage Tags	50	50
Infection Control Supplies		

4 The use of non-medical tape (i.e. duct tape) is not permitted.

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	BLS Non-Transport	BLS Transport
Bottle of instant hand sanitizer (alcohol based)	1	1
Biohazard bags (various sizes recommended)	2	3
Commercial Biohazard spill kit or equivalent	1	1
Antibacterial disinfectant solution	1	1
Personnel protective masks minimum rating N100, fit tested for each crewmember		
Latex gloves, multiple sizes, in sufficient quantity. Latex free gloves must be available for crewmembers that have allergies to latex		
Eye protection in sufficient quantity		
Barrier gowns in sufficient quantity		

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