

	<b>COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO</b> EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY	Document #	5010.15
	<u>PROGRAM DOCUMENT:</u>  <b>Transfer of Care: Non-Transporting          Paramedic to Transporting Paramedic</b>	Initial Date:	12/08/15
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**Purpose:**

- A. To define the situations where it is permissible for a non-transporting Paramedic to transfer patient care to a transporting Paramedic.
- B. To expedite the care to a transporting Paramedic.

**Authority:**

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

**Protocol:**

- A. A non-transporting Paramedic may transfer to a transporting Paramedic if the transporting Paramedic agrees to assume responsibility for the patient. All assessment and care provided by the non-transporting Paramedic must be relayed to the transporting Paramedic and communicated to the receiving hospital staff. It is the responsibility of both Paramedics that patient care not be compromised because of transfer of care. A transporting Paramedic may refuse to assume care for a patient they feel has not been adequately treated or stabilized for the given circumstances.
- B. Direct medical control is not required for the transfer of care. Paramedics are encouraged to utilize direct medical control to expedite the transfer of care whenever questions arise.
- C. All non-transporting Paramedics that travel to the hospital shall document the emergency response and care delivered on the PCR. The PCR shall be completed prior to leaving the hospital except when dispatched for a new emergency response.
- D. EMS patient care documentation requirements of PD# 2305 must be followed.
- E. For Multi Casualty Incidents (MCI) and expanded emergencies see program document PD# 7500.

**Cross reference:**

Disaster Medical Services Plan PD# 7500  
 EMS Patient Care Report: Completion and Distribution PD#2305