

To: All EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic Field Providers  
Cc: All Branch Operations Managers  
From: Dan Clemente, Director of Operations  
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Re: Advanced Life Support Level 1 (ALS assessment)



We are revising our ALS Assessment procedure in order to better follow insurance guidelines. These guidelines will be in effect as of January 1, 2010.

### **Who can provide the service of an ALS Assessment?**

An ALS Provider is defined as a provider whose staff includes an individual trained and authorized at the EMT-Intermediate, Advanced EMT or Paramedic level.

### **What type of response level and complaint is required to qualify for an ALS Assessment?**

An ALS assessment is only relevant in an emergency response. An emergency response is a priority 1, priority 2, or priority 3 dispatch for any complaint with an end destination of the Emergency Department.

### **How do you document an ALS assessment?**

If the ALS provider is the patient attendant and there were no ALS interventions administered, the complete details of the assessment must be documented in the narrative of the single run form.

If the ALS provider downgrades the level of care needed to the BLS level, a second run form must be completed indicating the complete details of the assessment and the reason for the downgrade. The run number will remain the same if we downgrade to our own BLS staff.

Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact your supervisor or branch manager.

Regards,

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Director of Operations