



Outline of Changes to Required Equipment for EMS Vehicles:

The following information is provided as a reference guide only. If you should have any questions regarding required equipment, please consult the official Pennsylvania Bulletin publication at <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol47/47-24/1007.html> or contact our office.

Additions:

- Ambulances must have a:
 - o Stair chair
 - o Pediatric safe transport device
- Air must have “appropriate patient coverings capable of maintaining body temperature based on the anticipated weather conditions”
- IALS, ALS, CCT, and Air may carry 2 i-gel sizes 2, 3, or 4 in lieu of King or Combitubes
- A 2nd commercial/tactical tourniquet is now required

Changes:

- Ambulance litters for transporting a patient must have five restraint straps *with a minimum of two shoulder restraint straps*
- Ambulances’ HVAC systems must be capable of maintaining a patient compartment temperature of 68-78°F
- Nasopharyngeal airways – still a minimum of 5 but the size requirements now require one of each size: 16, 24, 26, 32, and 34.
 - o *(In the past the agency could choose sizes as long as one was between 16-24 and one was between 26-34).*
- Oropharyngeal airways – still a minimum of 6 but the size requirements now require one of each size: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
 - o *(In the past the agency could choose sizes as long as one was between 0-1, 2-3, and 4-5).*
- EMS agencies can carry instant glucose (40% dextrose-d-glucose gel) or 45 grams of a food grade substitute, such as cake frosting
- Intraosseous needle now requires one of each size between 14-18 gauge
- The minimum oxygen for a CCT is 6,800 liters

Requirements Removed from the List:

- Pocket mask (no longer required)
- QRS no longer have to carry instant glucose
- QRS no longer have to carry pulse oximetry
- Pediatric length-based drug dosing tape is no longer required for BLS ambulances or BLS squads

- BLS Squad, IALS Squad, and ALS Squad no longer require a folding litter/collapsible device
- IALS Squad no longer requires a humidifier bottle
- CIDs, long spine board, short spine board have been removed from squad units
- Straps (9'/spider) is no longer required for squad units
- Secured sharp receptacle has been removed for the squad units
 - o A sharps container is still required based on the agency's infectious control plan
- Meconium aspirator is no longer required for ALS
- Pediatric stylette is no longer required for ALS (the adult stylette is still required)
- Flutter valve was removed
- CCT no longer requires a full spare oxygen cylinder

Changes to Scope of Practice for EMS Providers:

The official Scope of Practice document can be found at :

<http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol47/47-23/965.html>

Page 4/9 - #47: added a superscript "1" to require additional training and approval by medical director for the use of an automated ventilator

- Page 5/9 - #77: permits Paramedics only to obtain labs for legal purposes

- Page 7/9 - #102: now lists "yes" for EMR and EMT regarding medications as published by the PA Bulletin

- Page 7/9 - #106: now permits EMRs to use a nerve agent antidote for self or peer rescue without supervision of a Paramedic or higher certified provider / EMTs and AEMTs can now use without supervision of Paramedic or higher

- Page 7/9 - #107: now permits Paramedics and higher certified providers to use a nerve agent antidote for patient treatment / EMTs and AEMTs are permitted to use a nerve antidote for patient treatment if under the direct supervision of Paramedic or higher certified provider

- Page 7/9 - #111: EMTs are now permitted to conduct blood glucose assessments if they completed the additional training and are working under an EMS agency with the EMS agency medical director approval