



# INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY POLICY AND PROTOCOL MANUAL

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## MEDICAL PRIORITY DISPATCH MINIMUM RESPONSE ASSIGNMENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH (EMD) CATEGORIES

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish approved Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) response and mode assignments for use by authorized Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Centers.

### II. POLICY

- EMD Centers shall dispatch EMS resources to medical emergencies and manage their response in accordance with the response level established by this policy.
- First responder and ambulance resources shall comply with instructions from an authorized EMD Center to upgrade, cancel, or reduce their response mode.
- ICEMA approved MPDS response and mode assignments for use by authorized EMD Centers are as follows:

MPDS Card #	Card Name	Level #	Determinant Descriptors	ALS/1 <sup>st</sup>	BLS/1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Card 1</b>	<b>Abdominal Pain</b>	D-1	Not alert	X	
		C-1	Suspected aortic aneurysm	X	
		C-2	Known aortic aneurysm	X	
		C-3	Fainting or near fainting	X	
		C-4	Females w/ fainting or near fainting	X	
		C-5	Males w/ pain above navel	X	
		C-6	Females w/ pain above navel	X	
		A-1	Abdominal pain		X
<b>Card 2</b>	<b>Allergies/Stings/Bites</b>	E-1	Ineffective breathing	X	
		D-1	Not alert	X	
		D-2	Difficulty speaking between breaths	X	
		D-3	Swarming attack (bees, wasps)	X	
		D-4	Snake bite	X	
		C-1	Difficulty breathing or swallowing	X	
		C-2	History of severe allergic reaction	X	
		B-1	Unknown status	X	
		A-1	No difficulty breathing or swallowing (rash, hives, or itching may be present)		X
		A-2	Spider bite		X

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<b>Card 3</b>	<b>Animal Bites/Attacks</b>	D-1	Unconscious or arrests	X	
		D-2	Not alert	X	
		D-3	Chest or neck injury(w/ difficulty breathing)	X	
		D-4	Dangerous body area	X	
		D-5	Large animal	X	
		D-6	Exotic animal	X	
		D-7	Attack or multiple animals	X	
		B-1	Possibly dangerous body area	X	
		B-2	Serious hemorrhage	X	
		B-3	Unknown status/other code not applicable	X	
		A-1	Not dangerous body area		X
		A-2	Non-recent		X
		A-3	Superficial bites		X
<b>Card 4</b>	<b>Assault/ Sexual Assault</b>	D-1	Unconscious or arrest	X	
		D-2	Not alert	X	
		D-3	Chest or neck injury (w/ difficulty breathing)	X	
		D-4	Multiple victims	X	
		B-1	Possibly dangerous body area	X	
		B-2	Serious hemorrhage	X	
		B-3	Unknown status/ other code not applicable	X	
		A-1	Not dangerous body area		X
		A-2	Non-recent		X
<b>Card 5</b>	<b>Back Pain (Non-trauma)</b>	D-1	Not alert	X	
		C-1	Suspected aortic aneurysm	X	
		C-2	Known aortic aneurysm	X	
		C-3	Fainting or near fainting	X	
		A-1	Non-traumatic back pain		X
		A-2	Non-recent		X
<b>Card 6</b>	<b>Breathing Problems</b>	E-1	Ineffective breathing	X	
		D-1	Not alert	X	
		D-2	Difficulty speaking between breaths	X	
		D-3	Changing color	X	
		D-4	Clammy	X	
		C-1	Abnormal breathing	X	

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<b>Card 7</b>	<b>Burns (Scald/Explosion)</b>	D-1	Multiple victims	X	
		D-2	Unconscious or arrest	X	
		D-3	Not alert	X	
		D-4	Difficulty speaking between breaths	X	
		C-1	Building fire	X	
		C-2	Difficulty breathing	X	
		C-3	Burns > 18% body area	X	
		C-4	Significant facial burns	X	
		B-1	Blast injuries (w/o priority symptoms)	X	
		B-2	Unknown status	X	
		A-1	Burns < 18%	X	
	<b>FIRE ONLY</b>	<b>A-2</b>	<b>Fire alarm (unknown situation)</b>		
		A-3	Sunburn or minor burn		X
<b>Card 8</b>	<b>CO/Inhalation/ HazMat</b>	D-1	Unconscious or arrest	X	
		D-2	Not alert	X	
		D-3	Difficulty speaking between breaths	X	
		D-4	Multiple victims	X	
		D-5	Unknown status	X	
		C-1	Alert w/ difficulty breathing	X	
		B-1	Alert w/o difficulty breathing	X	
	<b>FIRE ONLY</b>	<b>OMEGA-1</b>	<b>CO detector w/o symptoms</b>		
<b>Card 9</b>	<b>Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest Death</b>	E-1	Not breathing at all	X	
		E-2	Breathing uncertain (agonal)	X	
		E-3	Hanging	X	
		E-4	Strangulation	X	
		E-5	Suffocation	X	
		E-6	Underwater	X	
		D-1	Ineffective breathing	X	
		D-2	Obvious or expected death	X	
		B-1	Obvious death	X	
		OMEGA-1	Expected death (DNR, terminal)	X	

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<b>Card 10</b>	<b>Chest Pain (Non-traumatic)</b>	D-1	Not alert	X	
		D-2	Difficulty speaking between breaths	X	
		D-3	Changing color	X	
		D-4	Clammy	X	
		C-1	Abnormal breathing	X	
		C-2	Heart attack or angina history	X	
		C-3	Cocaine	X	
		C-4	Breathing normally $\geq 35$	X	
		A-1	Breathing normally $< 35$	X	
<b>Card 11</b>	<b>Choking</b>	E-1	Complete obstruction	X	
		D-1	Abnormal breathing (Partial obstruction)	X	
		D-2	Not alert	X	
		A-1	Not choking now		X
<b>Card 12</b>	<b>Convulsion/Seizures</b>	D-1	Not breathing at all	X	
		D-2	Continuous or multiple seizures	X	
		D-3	Agonal/ineffective breathing	X	
		D-4	Effective breathing not verified $\geq 35$	X	
		C-1	Focal seizures not alert	X	
		C-2	Pregnancy	X	
		C-3	Diabetic	X	
		B-1	Effective breathing not verified $< 35$	X	
		A-1	Not seizing now and breathing	X	
		A-2	Focal seizures alert	X	
		A-3	Impending seizure	X	
<b>Card 13</b>	<b>Diabetic Problems</b>	D-1	Unconscious	X	
		C-1	Not alert	X	
		C-2	Abnormal behavior	X	
		C-3	Abnormal breathing	X	
		A-1	Alert and behaving normally		X
<b>Card 14</b>	<b>Drowning (Near)/ Diving Accident</b>	D-1	Unconscious	X	
		D-2	Not alert	X	
		D-3	Diving or suspected neck injury	X	
		D-4	Scuba accident	X	
		C-1	Alert w/ abnormal breathing	X	
		B-1	Alert and breathing normally	X	
		B-2	Unknown status	X	
		A-1	Alert and breathing normally	X	

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<b>Card 15</b>	<b>Electrocution/ Lightning</b>	E-1	Not breathing/ineffective breathing	X	
		D-1	Unconscious	X	
		D-2	Not disconnected from power	X	
		D-3	Power not off or hazard present	X	
		D-4	Extreme fall $\geq$ 30 feet)	X	
		D-5	Long fall	X	
		D-6	Not alert	X	
		D-7	Abnormal breathing	X	
		D-8	Unknown status	X	
		C-1	Alert and breathing normally	X	
<b>Card 16</b>	<b>Eye Problems/ Injuries</b>	D-1	Not alert	X	
		B-1	Severe eye injuries	X	
		A-1	Moderate eye injuries	X	
		A-2	Minor eye injuries		X
		A-3	Medical eye problems		X
<b>Card 17</b>	<b>Falls</b>	D-1	Extreme fall $\geq$ 30 feet)	X	
		D-2	Unconscious or arrest	X	
		D-3	Not alert	X	
		D-4	Chest or neck injury w/ difficulty breathing	X	
		D-5	Long fall	X	
		B-1	Possibly dangerous body area	X	
		B-2	Serious hemorrhage	X	
		B-3	Unknown status	X	
		A-1	Not dangerous body area		X
		A-2	Non-recent		X
	<b>FIRE ONLY</b>	<b>A-3</b>	<b>Public assist</b>		
<b>Card 18</b>	<b>Headache</b>	C-1	Not alert	X	
		C-2	Abnormal breathing	X	
		C-3	Speech problems	X	
		C-4	Sudden onset of severe pain	X	
		C-5	Numbness	X	
		C-6	Paralysis	X	
		C-7	Change in behavior (< 3 hours)	X	
		B-1	Unknown status	X	
		A-1	Breathing normally		X

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<b>Card 19</b>	<b>Heart Problems/ A.I.C.D</b>	D-1	Not alert	X	
		D-2	Difficulty speaking between breaths	X	
		D-3	Changing color	X	
		D-4	Clammy	X	
		D-5	Resuscitated and/or defibrillation	X	
		C-1	Firing of A.I.C.D.	X	
		C-2	Abnormal breathing	X	
		C-3	Chest pain $\geq$ 35 minutes	X	
		C-4	Cardiac history	X	
		C-5	Cocaine	X	
		C-6	Heart rate < 50 bpm or > 130 bpm (w/o symptoms)	X	
		C-7	Unknown status	X	
		A-1	Heart rate > 50 bpm and < 130 bpm w/o symptoms)	X	
		A-2	Chest pain $\leq$ 35 w/o symptoms	X	
<b>Card 20</b>	<b>Heat/Cold Exposures</b>	D-1	Not alert	X	
		D-2	Multiple victims	X	
		C-1	Heart attack or angina history	X	
		B-1	Change in skin color	X	
		B-2	Unknown status	X	
		A-1	Alert		X
<b>Card 21</b>	<b>Hemorrhage/ Lacerations</b>	D-1	Unconscious or alert	X	
		D-2	Not alert	X	
		D-3	Dangerous hemorrhage	X	
		D-4	Abnormal breathing	X	
		C-1	Hemorrhage through tubes	X	
		C-2	Hemorrhage of dialysis fistula	X	
		B-1	Possibly dangerous hemorrhage	X	
		B-2	Serious hemorrhage	X	
		B-3	Bleeding disorder	X	
		B-4	Blood thinner	X	
		A-1	Not dangerous hemorrhage		X
		A-2	Minor hemorrhage		X

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<b>Card 22</b>	<b>Inaccessible Incident/ Other Entrapments</b>	D-1	Mechanical/machinery entrapment	X	
		D-2	Trench collapse	X	
		D-3	Structure collapse	X	
		D-4	Confined space entrapment	X	
		D-5	Inaccessible terrain situation	X	
		D-6	Mudslide/avalanche	X	
		B-1	No longer trapped unknown injuries	X	
		B-2	Peripheral entrapment only	X	
		B-3	Unknown status	X	
	<b>FIRE ONLY</b>	<b>A-1</b>	<b>No longer trapped no injuries</b>		
<b>Card 23</b>	<b>Overdose/Poisoning (Ingestion)</b>	D-1	Unconscious	X	
		D-2	Changing color	X	
		C-1	Not alert	X	
		C-2	Abnormal breathing	X	
		C-3	Antidepressants (tricyclic)	X	
		C-4	Cocaine, methamphetamine	X	
		C-5	Narcotics (heroin)	X	
		C-6	Acid or alkali (lye)	X	
		C-7	Unknown status	X	
		C-8	Poison control	X	
		B-1	Overdose w/o symptoms		X
	<b>POISON CONTROL CONTACT</b>	OMEGA-1	Poisoning w/o symptoms		
<b>Card 24</b>	<b>Pregnancy/ Childbirth/ Miscarriage</b>	D-1	Breech or cord	X	
		D-2	Head visible/out	X	
		D-3	Imminent delivery > 20 weeks)	X	
		D-4	3rd trimester hemorrhage	X	
		D-5	High risk complications	X	
		D-6	Baby born (complications w/ baby)	X	
		D-7	Baby born (complications w/ mother)	X	
		C-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> trimester hemorrhage or miscarriage	X	
		C-2	1 <sup>st</sup> trimester serious hemorrhage	X	
		C-3	Baby born no complications	X	
		B-1	Labor delivery not imminent greater 5 months/20 weeks	X	

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		B-2	Unknown status	X	
		A-1	1 <sup>st</sup> trimester hemorrhage or miscarriage		X
		OMEGA-1	Waters broken (no contractions)		X
<b>Card 25</b>	<b>Psychiatric/ Abnormal Behavior/ Suicide Attempt</b>	D-1	Not alert	X	
		D-2	Dangerous hemorrhage	X	
		B-1	Serious hemorrhage	X	
		B-2	Non-serious or minor hemorrhage	X	
		B-3	Threatening suicide	X	
		B-4	Jumper (threatening)	X	
		B-5	Near hanging, strangulations Or suffocation	X	
		B-6	Unknown status	X	
	<b>POLICE ONLY</b>	A-1	Non-suicidal and alert		
	<b>POLICE ONLY</b>	A-2	Suicidal (not threatening) and alert		
<b>Card 26</b>	<b>Sick Person (Specific Diagnosis)</b>	D-1	Not alert	X	
		C-1	Altered level of consciousness	X	
		C-2	Abnormal breathing	X	
		C-3	Sickle cell crisis	X	
		B-1	Unknown status	X	
		A-1	No priority symptoms		X
		A-2	Non-priority complaints		X
		OMEGA-1	This code is not in use		X
		OMEGA- 2-28 (EXC 9)	Non-priority complaints		X
	<b>FIRE ONLY</b>	<b>Omega 9</b>	<b>Cut off ring request</b>		
<b>Card 27</b>	<b>Stab/ Gunshot/ Penetrating Trauma</b>	D-1	Unconscious or arrest	X	
		D-2	Not alert	X	
		D-3	Central wounds	X	
		D-4	Multiple wounds	X	
		D-5	Multiple victims	X	
		B-1	Non-recent (> 6 hours)	X	
		B-2	Known single peripheral wound	X	
		B-3	Serious hemorrhage	X	
		B-4	Unknown status	X	
		B-5	Obvious death	X	
		A-1	Non-recent (> 6 hours) wounds (w/o priority symptoms)		X

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<b>Card 28</b>	<b>Stroke (CVA)</b>	C-1	Not alert	X	
		C-2	Abnormal breathing	X	
		C-3	Speech problems	X	
		C-4	Numbness, paralysis, or movement	X	
		C-5	Vision problems	X	
		C-6	Sudden onset of severe headache	X	
		C-7	Stroke history	X	
		C-8	Breathing normally $\geq$ 35	X	
		B-1	Unknown status	X	
		A-1	Breathing normally $<$ 35	X	
<b>Card 29</b>	<b>Traffic/ Transportation Incidents</b>	D-1	Major incident	X	
		D-2	High mechanism	X	
		D-3	Hazmat	X	
		D-4	Pinned (trapped) victim	X	
		D-5	Not alert	X	
		B-1	Injuries	X	
		B-2	Serious hemorrhage	X	
		B-3	Other hazards	X	
		B-4	Unknown status	X	
		A-1	1 <sup>st</sup> party caller w/ injury to not dangerous body part		X
	<b>POLICE ONLY</b>	<b>OMEGA 1</b>	<b>No injuries</b>		
<b>Card 30</b>	<b>Traumatic Injuries (Specific)</b>	D-1	Unconscious or arrest	X	
		D-2	Not alert	X	
		D-3	Chest or neck injury(w/ difficulty breathing)	X	
		B-1	Possibly dangerous body part	X	
		B-2	Serious hemorrhage	X	
		A-1	Not dangerous body area		X
		A-2	Non-recent ( $>$ 6 hours)		X

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<b>Card 31</b>	<b>Unconscious/ Fainting (Near)</b>	E-1	Ineffective breathing	X	
		D-1	Unconscious - agonal/ ineffective breathing	X	
		D-2	Unconscious - effective breathing	X	
		D-3	Not alert	X	
		D-4	Changing color	X	
		C-1	Alert w/ abnormal breathing	X	
		C-2	Fainting episode and alert > 35 (w/ cardiac history)	X	
		C-3	Females 12-50 w/ abdominal pain	X	
		A-1	Fainting episode and alert ≥ 35 (w/o cardiac history)	X	
		A-2	Fainting episode and alert < 35 (w/ cardiac history)	X	
		A-3	Fainting episode and alert < 35 (w/o cardiac history)		X
<b>Card 32</b>	<b>Unknown Problem (Man Down)</b>	D-1	Life status questionable	X	
		B-1	Standing, sitting, moving or talking	X	
		B-2	Medical alarm (no patient information)	X	
		B-3	Unknown status	X	
		B-4	Caller's language not understood	X	
<b>Card 33</b>	<b>Transfer/ Interfaculty/ Palliative Care</b>	D-1	Suspected cardiac or respiratory arrest	X	
		D-2	Just resuscitated or defibrillated	X	
		C-1	Not alert	X	
		C-2	Abnormal breathing (acute onset)	X	
		C-3	Significant hemorrhage or shock	X	
		C-4	Possible acute heart problems or MI	X	
		C-5	Acute severe pain	X	
		C-6	Emergency response requested	X	
		A-1	Acuity I (no priority symptoms)	X	
		A-2	Acuity II (no priority symptoms)	X	
		A-3	Acuity III (no priority symptoms)	X	

<b>Card 34</b>	<b>Automatic Crash Notification (ACN)</b>	D-1	High mechanism		
		D-2	Unconscious or not alert		
		D-3	Not breathing/ineffective breathing		
		D-4	Life status questionable		
		B-1	Injuries involved		
		B-2	Multiple victims (one unit)		
		B-3	Multiple victims (additional units)		
		B-4	Airbag/other automatic sensor		
		B-5	Unknown situation/other codes (not applicable)		
		A-1	Not dangerous injuries (1 <sup>st</sup> party and single occupant)		
		OMEGA 1	No injuries (refer to police)		