

REFERENCE TITLE: emergency medical services; patient transport

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# HB 2431

Introduced by  
Representative Shah

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 21.1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 36-2219; RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 21.1, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-2219, to read:  
4 36-2219. Emergency medical services transportation;  
5 communication with physician  
6 A. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN SHALL CONTACT THE PHYSICIAN  
7 WHO IS PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICAL DIRECTION OR A PHYSICIAN IN THE  
8 BASE HOSPITAL'S EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CONSISTENT WITH LOCAL PROTOCOLS AND  
9 PRACTICE GUIDELINES IF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION IS NOT  
10 PROVIDED TO A PATIENT.  
11 B. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN MAY NOT DO EITHER OF THE  
12 FOLLOWING:  
13 1. PROVIDE A PATIENT WITH A MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND USE THAT MEDICAL  
14 DIAGNOSIS AS THE BASIS FOR COUNSELING THE PATIENT TO DECLINE EMERGENCY  
15 MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION.  
16 2. COUNSEL A PATIENT TO DECLINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
17 TRANSPORTATION, EXCEPT AS PART OF A SPECIFIC ALTERNATE DESTINATION OR  
18 TREAT-AND-REFER PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE  
19 MEDICAL DIRECTION OVERSIGHT.  
20 C. AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN SHALL EXPLAIN TO A PATIENT  
21 THE RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES TO THE PATIENT'S HEALTH OF NOT BEING  
22 TRANSPORTED.