

REFERENCE TITLE: emergency medical services; patient transport

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Introduced by
Representative Willoughby

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-2219, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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. Section 36-2219, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-2219. Emergency medical care technicians; requirements;
5 transportation

6 A. ~~ART~~ EACH emergency medical care technician shall comply with
7 either emergency medical standards and protocols established by the
8 regional council or the medical direction for the local jurisdiction when
9 considering emergency transport, including the appropriate use of
10 telecommunications.

11 B. An emergency medical care technician may not do either of the
12 following:

13 1. Provide a patient with a presumptive medical diagnosis and use
14 that medical diagnosis as the basis for counseling the patient to decline
15 emergency medical services transportation, **UNLESS REQUESTED BY THE PATIENT**
16 **OR THE PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE.**

17 2. Counsel a patient to decline emergency medical services
18 transportation, except as part of a specific alternate destination or
19 treat-and-refer program that includes quality management and comprehensive
20 medical direction oversight.

21 C. ~~ART~~ EACH emergency medical care technician shall explain to a
22 patient the risks and consequences to the patient's health of not being
23 transported.

24 D. It is not a violation of this section for an emergency medical
25 care technician to inform a patient of the patient's right to accept or
26 decline emergency medical services transportation, unless the emergency
27 medical care technician does so in an effort to coerce the patient to
28 decline emergency medical services.