



**GOVERNMENT OF  
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**



***DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
Board Services***

<b>POLICY: Transportation of Non-Ambulance Personnel</b>	<b>POLICY NUMBER: EHS 2003-09-43</b>
<b>ORIGINAL DATE: Unknown</b>	<b>LAST REVISED DATE: November 1, 2005</b>

**I. PURPOSE:**

- A.** To indicate the Department’s position on transporting non-ambulance personnel with the patient on an ambulance call.

**II. POLICY:**

- A.** Generally relatives are not required to be transported with the patient. The exception being if a relative is requested to travel with a patient for comfort measure by the attending physician. A parent of a patient who is a minor also may accompany their child during transport.
- B.** The attending physician and operator has the right and obligation to limit the number of personal escorts as they deem necessary.
- C.** Medical escorts may be assigned by the attending physician to treat the patient during transport.
- D.** The returning of family members back to their place of origin shall not be permitted if doing so results in additional mileage being charged.
- E.** The returning of medical escorts back to their originating facility that result in additional mileage being charged shall only be permitted under the following conditions:
  - 1. The ambulance is from a multi ambulance base
  - 2. The additional time needed to return the escort does not compromise core emergency coverage to the base service area of the unit completing the transport.

**III. PROCEDURE**

- A.** Persons accompanying the patient shall sit in the front passenger seat of the driver’s compartment and be properly restrained for the duration of the transport. Except when they are deemed necessary to assist in the provision of patient care/supervision.

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- B.** Under abnormal circumstances correctional officers, police, fire fighters, or other emergency responders may travel in the patient compartment in order to assist in the provision of patient care/supervision.

**IV. RESPONSIBILITY:**

- A.** The individual is responsible for his/her own being when allowed to travel with the patient.
- B.** The individual is responsible for their own arrangements back to their home or place of origin as the operator will not be paid for the extra milage associated with returning a relative home.
- C.** The ambulance service is not responsible for the medical escorts arrangements back to the originating facility. However, they may choose to return the escort as long as they meet the above list criteria.