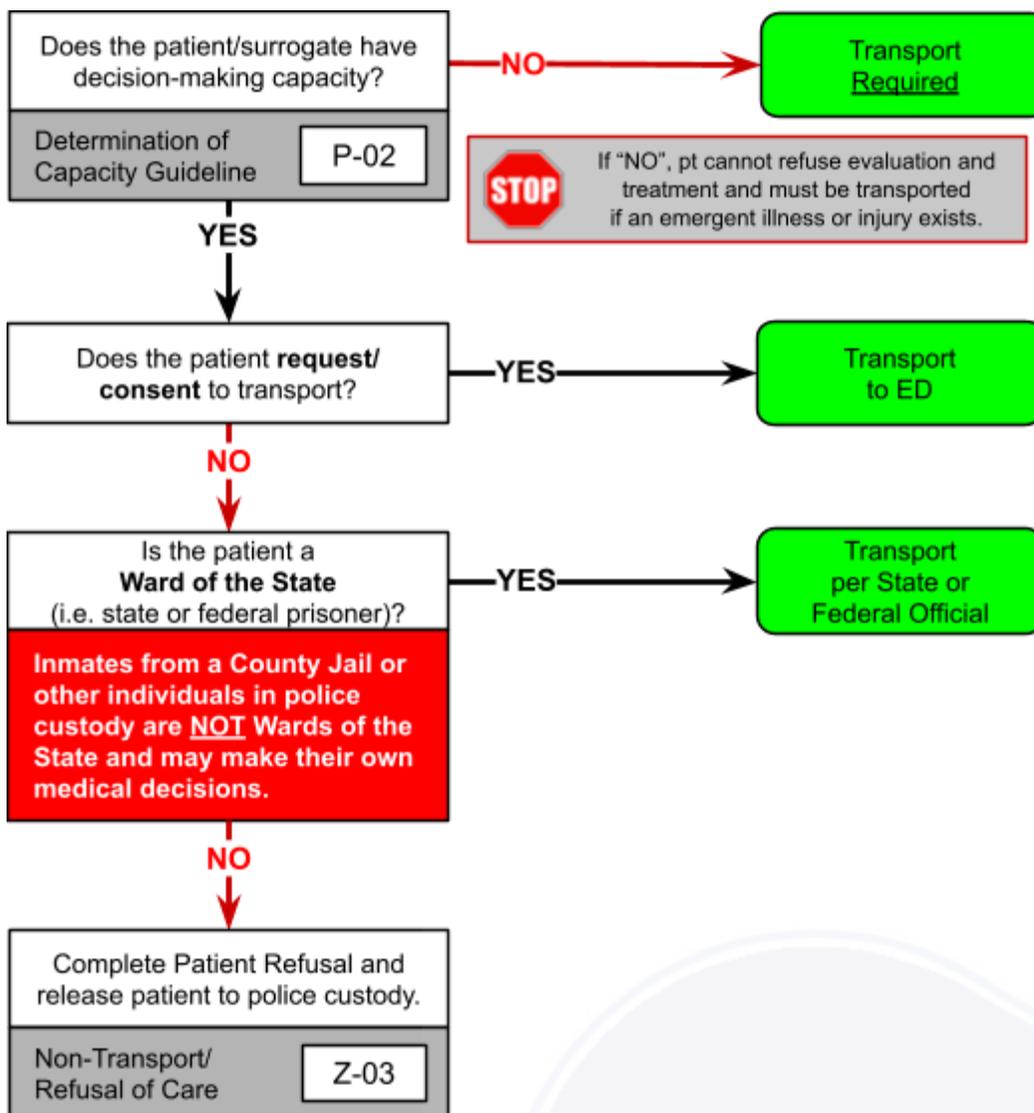


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## DEFINITION

“Medical clearance” is the determination by a physician, made with reasonable medical certainty, that a patient does not have a medical condition that would prevent him or her from being able to participate in an event or contest.



**EMS Providers do NOT provide “Medical Clearance” for any patient. They must be transferred to an Emergency Department to be cleared by an ED Physician.**

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**PROCEDURE:**

1. Any patient encountered for Medical Clearance must have:
  - a. A **full evaluation** by a credentialed system provider,
  - b. Appropriate treatment and **transportation offered**, and a
  - c. **PCR completed**.
2. All patients must:
  - a. Be transported to an emergency department by EMS, or
  - b. Sign a Refusal of Care/AMA.
3. Law enforcement will not transport a patient to an ED once contact with an EMS provider has been made. Any patient felt to be too combative for transport by ambulance should be chemically sedated and the EMS crew should be accompanied by one or more law enforcement officers.

**NOTES:**

- Medical evaluation in the prehospital setting is only to evaluate for the immediate need for stabilizing therapy. **Further evaluation to “clear” a patient for jail, psychiatric facility, or other location is beyond the scope of any EMS Provider.**
- Any patient requiring medical clearance must be transported to an Emergency Department. The only exception is if a patient has decision making capacity [see **Z-02**] and makes an informed decision to refuse transport [see **Z-03**].
- Law Enforcement does not have the right to make medical decisions (i.e. treatment, transport, etc.) for a patient in their custody. The only exception to this is for prisoners (state or federal) who are wards of the state--this does not account for county inmates or individuals under arrest by another agency.
- EMS Personnel are not responsible for the law enforcement hold on a patient.
- Any request from an outside agency requesting an EMS provider to “clear” or to “check out” an individual is an inappropriate usage of the 911 System.
- If there is any question or disagreement with a representative of a law enforcement or other requesting agency, contact your EMS Supervisor immediately.

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- For every patient encounter, the patient should be offered transport to an Emergency Department. *(Note: for patients meeting ET3 criteria, transport to an alternative destination or evaluation by a telehealth provider may be offered where available.)*

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