

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Emergency Ambulance Services**

**POLICY**  
**AMB-2**

<b>SUBJECT: Billing Guidelines for Death On Arrival or Death During Transportation</b>			
Revision Date  1/1/16	Replaces  NEW	Approved By  Fire Chief	Pages  1
DISPOSITION: Place in Billing and Collections Policy & Procedure Manual			

**INFORMATION**

This policy is established for instances in which a patient is provided emergency ambulance services, but is pronounced dead at the scene, or where a patient dies during transportation to the hospital.

**POLICY**

In all instances where a patient is pronounced dead at the scene or dies during transportation to the hospital and prior to being transferred to the receiving hospital, the District will invoice and follow the Medicare guidelines for reimbursement (as set forth below) for these events shall be followed, regardless of the insured status of the patient.

<b>Time of Death Pronouncement</b>	<b>Medicare Payment Determination</b>
Before dispatch.	None.
After dispatch, before patient is loaded onboard ambulance (before or after arrival at the point-of-pickup).	The provider's/supplier's BLS base rate, no mileage or rural adjustment; use the QL modifier when submitting the claim.
After pickup, prior to or upon arrival at the receiving facility.	Medically necessary level of service furnished.