

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## B-5 ALS INTERCEPT WITH BLS UNITS

- Request for ALS Backup:
  - The BLS unit is responsible to initiate ALS backup, if available, to meet them enroute to the receiving facility.
    - The BLS unit is not required to and should not wait for the ALS unit to arrive at the scene before transporting.
  - Initiating a request for ALS backup does not ensure the availability of a unit to respond.
  
- Guidelines for ALS Intercept:
  - ALS personnel always have the authority over the scene.
  - The ALS unit has the option to remove the patient from the BLS unit, or board the BLS unit to provide care.
  - When choosing to board the BLS unit, ALS personnel must bring all necessary/ appropriate equipment.
  - BLS providers will give ALS personnel a brief report on the patient.
  - When ALS personnel encounter an AED in use.
    - ALS personnel should consider the shocks delivered by the AED as part of ACLS protocols/guidelines and should move immediately to perform necessary invasive skills following protocols.
    - ALS personnel should remove the AED to use the ALS cardiac monitor/defibrillator only during the chest compression phase of the CPR-Shock cycle.
      - Do not delay a shock to remove a functioning AED.
  - The ALS and BLS providers must complete separate patient care reports.
  - Billing procedures for mutual-aid is the responsibility of the agencies providing care.