

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems eMEDS v3.5 Disposition Options

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Unit Disposition [eDisposition.27]

Definition (Single-Select)

- **Patient Contact Made**: Arrived & made contact with an individual needing assistance.
- **No Patient Contact**: Arrived but did not make contact with an individual needing assistance. May stay on scene to assist another unit with an individual needing assistance by providing Support Services¹.
- No Patient Found: Arrived and no individual needing assistance was found.
- **Cancelled on Scene**: Arrived and cancelled by another unit, on scene, with patient care and no support services were provided.
- **Cancelled Prior to Arrival at Scene**: Never arrived on scene and no contact with any other unit or individual needing assistance was made.

Patient/Evaluation/Care [eDisposition.28]

Definition (Single-Select)

- **Patient Evaluated and Care Provided**: "Standard" EMS Event with care provided by EMS without ANY refusal of evaluation² or treatment/care³
- Patient Evaluated and Refused Care: Unit performed evaluation, yet patient refused treatment/care
- **Patient Evaluated, No Care Required**: Unit performed evaluation, yet no treatment/care was necessary or performed per MD Protocol.
- Patient Refused Evaluation/Care: Patient refused evaluation AND treatment/care
- Patient Support Services Provided: Unit only provided support services.
- Not Applicable (Not Value): No patient was found, or contacted based off Unit Disposition.

¹ Support Services: Examples include extrication, carrying bags, or helping to move a patient.

² Evaluation: Examples include obtaining vitals, performing an assessment.

³ Treatment/Care: Actions performed found in MD Medical Protocols including performing procedures, administrating medications, and/or providing transport to a facility.

Crew Disposition [eDisposition.29]

Definition (Single-Select)

- Initiated and Continued Primary Care: This crew started, and continued being the primary treatment/care personnel for the patient. No transfer of the patient to or from another unit was performed.
- Initiated Primary Care and Transferred to Another EMS Crew: This crew started patient treatment/care, and then transferred patient to another EMS unit where treatment/care was continued.
- **Provided Care Supporting Primary EMS Crew**: Crew assisted another unit who was already performing primary treatment/care. Crew was not the primary clinicians in charge of patient care.
- Assumed Primary Care from Another EMS Crew: Upon arrival on scene, a patient was transferred to this crew, from another crew who started treatment/care.
- Incident Support Services Provided (Including Standby): Crew provided Support Services or performed Standby functions.
- Back in Service, No Care/Support Services Required: Crew was back in service with no treatment/care performed or support services provided. Typically when no patient is found, or if unit is cancelled on scene with no additional action taken.
- Back in Service, Care/Support Services Refused: Crew was back in service with treatment/care being refused by the patient despite being offered.
- Not Applicable (Not Value): The crew responding was cancelled prior to arrival and performed no care or support services.

Transport Disposition [eDisposition.30]

Definition (Single-Select)

- Transport by This EMS Unit (This Crew Only): Patient transported in this unit, by this unit's crew. May be considered "Standard" EMS response for an event. Includes when patient is transported to Landing Zone (LZ).
- **Transport by This EMS Unit, with a Member of Another Crew**: Patient transported in this unit, by this unit's crew with another member(s) onboard from another unit/crew.
- **Transport by Another EMS Unit**: Patient was transported by another EMS Unit on scene. Also includes an EMS Supervisor/non-transport unit who did not transport the patient.
- **Transport by Another EMS Unit, with a Member of This Crew:** Patient was transported by another unit on scene with a member of this unit/crew.
- **Patient Refused Transport**: The patient refused to be transported per MD Protocol.
- No Transport: No transport of a patient occurred during this EMS event.
- Not Applicable (Not Value): No patient was found, or contacted based off Unit Disposition.

Reason for Refusal/Release [eDisposition.31]

Definition (Multi-Select)

- **Against Medical Advice**: Clinicians and/or Physician after medical consult feel patient should receive treatment/care (including transport) to a facility for further evaluation.
- **Patient/Guardian Indicates Ambulance Transport is Not Necessary:** The patient indicates that transport via ambulance isn't necessary for the situation.
- Released Following Protocol Guidelines: The patient is released in accordance with MD Medical Protocol.
- **Released to Law Enforcement:** The patient is released to police agency on location.
- **Patient/Guardian States Intent to Transport by Other Means:** The patient indicates that they intend to be taken to a facility for treatment/evaluation by other means.
- **MOLST/DNR:** The patient refuses treatment/care due to a valid MOLST/DNR order being presented.
- **Other, Not Listed:** The patient refuses treatment/care due to any other reason not listed above.