DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **ADVANCE LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) UNIT STAFFING** REFERENCE NO. 408

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PURPOSE: To identify the policy adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for staffing ALS units.

POLICY: "All ALS units, both public and private, shall be staffed with at least two State licensed paramedics accredited in Los Angeles County or two mobile intensive care nurses, or a combination thereof. Exceptions may be made on a temporary basis in those instances where one member of the ALS unit is injured, becomes ill, or is otherwise incapacitated while on duty or is unavailable for duty because of unusual and unforeseen circumstances, and therefore is unable to perform as a member of the unit, for a period not to exceed the end of the scheduled shift. In each instance where an ALS unit operates with less than the minimum staff stated herein, it shall be reported at the end of the calendar month to the Director of Emergency Medical Services Agency."

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APPROVED: Director, EMS Agency

Medical Director, EMS Agency