



Decal Inspection Guide

Be sure when your ambulance is brought to for inspection, it is equipped and supplied to the highest level listed on the Texas DSHS license. For example; if the ambulance is licensed as BLS with MICU capability, it will be inspected at the MICU level, and will be required to have all MICU equipment and medications. Unit must meet City of Houston minimum requirements, as well as equipment requirements set by the Medical Director. It is the responsibility of the company to schedule and present each ambulance(s) for inspection. Upon inspection, if the ambulance is in compliance, a City of Houston Ambulance Decal will be affixed to the rear right window or similar location. After the first unit passes inspection the City of Houston Ambulance Service permit will be active and a physical copy provided to the company. The updated copy of the permit must be placed in each unit. Each ambulance decal will expire concurrently with the exact day listed on the Company Ambulance Service Permit. Decal is nontransferable between ownerships and ambulances.

Note: If for any reason (national shortage, changes in protocol, etc.) and you no longer carry a medication that is listed on your protocol's equipment and medication list, you must have a letter of approval from your Medical Director. The letter should include what changes will be made to the Protocol (i.e. operating without the medication has been approved, operating with a substitute medication, using the expired medication). If the expired medication will be used how long past the expiration date is the use allowed.

For more detailed information about equipment requirements visit the Houston Health Department website www.houstontx.gov/health/EMS or call (832) 393-5603.

Vehicle Requirements

- Current TDSHS vehicle license
- Current State Inspection
- Current Liability Insurance
- Current Registration & Plates
- Name of Service on Both Sides
- Unit # Displayed on Both Sides
- No Unauthorized Wording or Markings
- No Smoking Signs Front Rear
- Tires in Good Condition
- Doors in Acceptable Condition
- All Items Securely Stored
- Dome Light High Low
- Seat Belts Front and Rear
- Emergency Lights
- Emergency Siren
- HVAC Front and Rear
- Vehicle Horn
- Vehicle Lights, all functioning
- Windshield Free from Obstructions
- Communications Equipment
- Steps and Body Free from Major Damage
- Positive Locks on Cabinets and Seats
- Free from Exposed Electrical Hazards
- Clean Equipment Pt. Area

Basic Life Support (BLS) Supplies

- Vehicle is listed on vehicle information page
- Current TDSHS vehicle authorization
- Current proof of insurance
- CoH ambulance service permit
- CoH ambulance driver's permit
- Current protocols
- Flashlights with extra batteries
- Reflective vests, Min. 2
- Emergency road triangles or non flammable reflective devices, Min. 3
- Fire extinguisher- mounted, tagged, accessible from patient area
- KED or short-board
- Long spine board
- Cervical collars infant-adult
- Stretcher
- Stair chair or mega mover
- Pediatric restraint system
- Extremity splints, Min. 2
- Femoral (traction) splint





- Pelvic splint
- Mounted oxygen cylinder (<200 PSI)
- Portable oxygen cylinder w/ regulator
- Adult nasal cannula
- Pediatric nasal cannula
- Infant nasal cannula
- Adult non-rebreather or simple mask
- Pediatric non-rebreather or simple mask
- Infant non-rebreather or simple mask
- A device capable of providing non-invasive positive pressure ventilation (NIPPV) (CPAP or BiPAP)
- BVM infant - adult
- OPA's infant - adult
- NPA's infant - adult (16fr or smaller, 18fr - 24fr, & 26fr or larger), 1 each
- Portable suction device
- Suction catheter (5 or 6, 8 or 10, 12 or 14, 16 or 18), 1 each
- Mounted suction w/ intact cannister
- Commercial arterial tourniquet
- Sterile 4x4's, Min. 25
- Gauze sponge (non-sterile), Min. 2
- Adhesive bandages
- Adhesive tape
- Occlusive dressing/chest seal, Min. 2
- Fluid for irrigation of wounds
- Elastic (ACE) bandage, Min. 2
- Waterless hand cleanser
- Mounted sharps container
- Emesis bag or basin, Min. 2
- Biohazardous materials collection bags
- Disinfectant wipes or solution
- Examination gloves
- Eye protection, Min. 2
- Gown, Min. 2
- Surgical masks, Min. 2
- N95 Masks, Min. 2
- Trash bag, Min. 2
- Glucometer w/ test strips & disposable lancets
- Pulse oximeter with infant - adult capabilities
- Stethoscope
- Blood pressure cuffs infant - adult
- Thermometer (w/ covers if oral)
- Trauma shears, Min. 2
- Triage tags, Min. 10
- Cold pack, Min. 2
- Heat pack, Min. 2
- Emergency blanket, Min. 2
- Alcohol swabs or topical antiseptic towelettes, Min. 20
- Pediatric dosing
- OB kit w/ baby bunting and bulb suction
- AED w/ no errors
- Spare battery
- Adult & pediatric or combination defibrillator pads
- Epinephrine auto injector pediatric and adult, 1 each **or (if not using Epi auto injectors)**
- Epinephrine 1:1000 vial or ampule, Min. 2
- 1cc syringe w/ needle, Min. 2
- Filter needle if using ampule, Min. 2
- Other medications per protocols w/ appropriate delivery devices

Advanced Life Support (ALS) Supplies in Addition to BLS Supplies

- Adult chest decompression needle 14gx3.25" or larger or other commercially available size
- Pediatric chest decompression needle 14gx1.5" or shorter
- Continuous waveform capnography
- Infant chest decompression needle 23gx0.75" or smaller
- Magill forceps
- Mucosal Atomizer (MAD)
- Isotonic crystalloid fluids per protocols
- Administration tubing (macro & micro)
- Pressure infusion cuff or other rapid infusion device
- Other Medications per protocols w/ appropriate delivery devices
- Supraglottic airway devices infant - adult (optional)

If not using supraglottics:

- Laryngoscope handle & blades (size 0-4)
- ET tubes (3.0-9.0)

Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) Supplies in Addition to BLS and ALS Supplies

- Cardiac monitor w/ lead ECG acquisition and transcutaneous pacing
- Extra batteries for monitor
- Extra paper
- Electrodes
- Specialized equipment per protocols
- Other Medications per protocols w/ appropriate delivery devices and storage

