

eDisposition.12 - Disposition Descriptions

4212001 – Assist, Agency – To be used when the EMS agency responds to assist another agency (EMS, Fire, etc.). The assisting agency at no time assumes any patient care.

4212003 – Assist, Public – To be used when an EMS provider responds to a request by the public and services that are provided are emergency medical services, this disposition may be used.

Examples of public assists may be assisting with making environment safe, checking medical equipment, or other non-medical task.

As of version 3 of the Virginia EMS dataset, this includes falls where there is no injury and assistance is needed by the person to return to standing, bed, wheelchair etc. and that is all that has been requested. However, if local protocols or agency policy require falls be treated as patient contact, then another appropriate disposition indicating treatment should be used.

4212005 – Assist, Unit – To be used when another unit from the same EMS agency responds to assist another provider/unit. The assisting unit at no time assumes care of the patient.

4212007 – Canceled (Prior to Arrival at Scene) – To be used when the EMS unit / provider is cancelled prior to arriving at the scene dispatched to.

4212009 – Canceled on Scene (No Patient Contact) – To be used when EMS has arrived on scene and is cancelled by dispatch, another public safety entity, etc. prior to contact with the incident/person.

4212011 – Canceled on Scene (No Patient Found) – To be used when an EMS unit/provider arrives on scene, attempts to make patient contact and no patient can be found or the patient left prior to EMS arrival.

4212013 – Patient Dead at Scene – No Resuscitation Attempted (with Transport) – To be used if an EMS agency transports a body to a morgue, funeral home, or similar type facility.

4212015 – Patient Dead at Scene – No Resuscitation Attempted (without Transport) – To be used when no treatment was rendered as patient was dead upon the vehicle's arrival at the scene.

4212017 – Patient Dead at Scene – Resuscitation Attempted (with Transport) – To be used when resuscitation was attempted, but the resuscitation was terminated and then the EMS unit transports the body to a morgue, funeral home or similar type facility.

4212019 – Patient Dead at Scene – Resuscitation Attempted (without Transport) – To be used when there is a determination of death on scene after EMS has performed some type of interventions and the responding EMS unit does not transport the patient.

4212021 – Patient Evaluated, No Treatment/Transport Required – To be used when the patient was assessed but found to have no treatable illness/injury.

4212023 – Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (With Transport) – To be used when the patient refuses any or all parts of an evaluation or treatment but was transported to an appropriate health care facility.

4212025 – Patient Refused Evaluation/Care (Without Transport) – To be used when the patient refuses all parts of an evaluation, treatment and transport even though there is the likelihood that an injury or illness exists.

4212027 – Patient Treated, Released (AMA) – To be used when the provider performs an assessment, provides care or medical advice, or the patient is obviously ill or injured and the patient refuses transport against the medical advice of the EMS provider. This disposition differs from 4212029 in that the EMS provider cannot determine within their scope of care that the patient should be evaluated by a higher level of medical care.

4212029 – Patient Treated, Released (per protocol) – To be used when EMS provides care to the patient but does not provide any transport services. The release of the patient would be determined based on existing protocols.

4212031 – Patient Treated, Transferred Care to Another EMS Unit – To be used anytime an EMS provider:

- Transfer's care of the patient to a provider from another agency,
- Transfer's care of the patient to a provider on another unit within their own agency
- Transfer's the patient to another unit but the original provider maintains care of the patient.

4212033 – Patient Treated, Transported by this EMS Unit – To be used only by the EMS unit performing an EMS transport i.e. to hospital, medical facility, home etc.

4212035 – Patient Treated, Transported by Law Enforcement – To be used when evaluation or treatment is provided to a patient and the patient is left in the control of law enforcement or the law enforcement agency transports the patient to the hospital..

4212037 – Patient Treated, Transported by Private Vehicle – To be used when an evaluation or treatment was provided, but transport by EMS does not occur and the patient indicates they will be seeking additional medical attention by obtaining alternate transportation (POV, public transport, etc.).

4212039 – Standby-No Services or Support Provided – To be used when an EMS unit/provider positions itself at a planned or unplanned event for the purposes of being available in case a medical/traumatic event occurs.

4212041 – Standby-Public Safety, Fire, or EMS Operational Support Provided – To be used anytime an EMS provider/unit performs a stand-by and provides some type of medical care to a person while performing that stand-by.

4212043 – Transport Non-Patient, Organs, etc. – To be used when performing transportation of organs for transplant or human tissue samples for establishing compatibility for transplantation.

Please note:

These descriptions are being provided as a guideline and not an absolute. If agency protocols require the use of specific dispositions in certain situations, those should always take priority.