

	<b>Queen Anne's County Fire &amp; EMS Commission Operations Manual</b>	No. 03.09
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	<b>Transport of a Behavioral Emergency</b>	Revised Date: April 7, 2016

**I. SCOPE**

- A. This policy applies to all Queen Anne's County EMS personnel.

**II. PURPOSE**

- A. The purpose of this policy is to identify the appropriate disposition for the patient experiencing a Behavioral Emergency.

**III. RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. All personnel affiliated with a Queen Anne's County Fire and EMS Department will be responsible for ensuring strict adherence to this policy.

**IV. POLICY**

- A. Responding EMS agencies will not enter into the area until the safety of the scene is established.
- B. The responding law enforcement officer shall determine the need for an "Emergency Petition" and the medical provider shall assess the need for medical intervention.
- C. If it is determined that the patient does not require emergency medical interventions, the EMS provider will collaborate with law enforcement related to the disposition of the patient.
- D. If the patient requires medical intervention, the primary care provider may require the law enforcement officer to accompany them in the patient care compartment to the hospital regardless of whether the emergency evaluation is voluntary or involuntary.
- E. If the patient is in a law enforcement-based restraint or secure device, i.e. handcuffs, the law enforcement officer must accompany the patient to the hospital in the patient care compartment.

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