

641—132.15(147A) Transport options for fully authorized paramedic service programs.

132.15(1) Upon responding to an emergency call, ambulance or nontransport paramedic level services may make a determination at the scene as to whether emergency medical transportation or nonemergency transportation is needed. The determination shall be made by a paramedic or paramedic specialist and shall be based upon the nonemergency transportation protocol approved by the service program's medical director. When applying this protocol, the following criteria, as a minimum, shall be used to determine the appropriate transport option:

- a.* Primary assessment,
- b.* Focused history and physical examination,
- c.* Chief complaint,
- d.* Name, address and age, and
- e.* Nature of the call for assistance.

Emergency medical transportation shall be provided whenever any of the above criteria indicate that treatment should be initiated.

132.15(2) If treatment is not indicated, the service program may make arrangements for nonemergency transportation. If arrangements are made, the service program shall remain at the scene until nonemergency transportation arrives. During the wait for nonemergency transportation, however, the ambulance or nontransport service may respond to an emergency.