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The Transportation Assistance Levels (TALs) have been revised to streamline and enhance the classifications.

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Subject: Revisions in the Transportation Assistance Levels (TALs)

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Office of Health Emergency Preparedness (OHEP) continues to promote emergency preparedness for healthcare facilities:

In collaboration with preparedness partners, OHEP has revised the Transportation Assistance Levels (TALs) classification system to further streamline and coordinate evacuations statewide. The TALs classifications are used by healthcare professionals to assess the type of transportation resources needed by each patient/resident at a facility during a planned evacuation. TALs are not intended for use during an emergent situation such as a fire.

Non-ambulatory [TAL1] has been sub-categorized to include types of ambulance transport resources. The gurney icon is used for all three.

- Non-ambulatory-Stretcher. Clinically unable to be moved in a seated position, and may require equipment including but not limited to oxygen, cardiac monitors, or other biomedical devices to accompany them during movement.
- Non-ambulatory-Vent. Clinically unable to be moved in a seated position, and require equipment including but not limited to mechanical ventilators, oxygen, cardiac monitors, or other biomedical devices to accompany them during movement.
- Non-ambulatory-Bariatric. Clinically unable to be moved in a seated position, and may require equipment including but not limited to oxygen, mechanical ventilators, cardiac monitors, or other biomedical devices to accompany them during movement. These patients/residents require transportation using a wider stretcher.

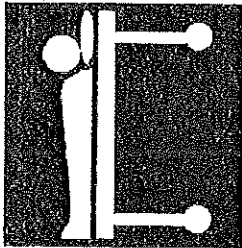
Wheelchair [TAL2] has been revised to reflect the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) policy regarding transport of individuals with intravenous infusion lines.

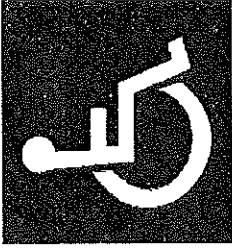
- Intravenous infusion lines should be converted to saline locks or discontinued for transport. These patients/residents may be escorted by a non-clinical staff member.
- Patients/residents with a continued IV infusion must be escorted by a nurse or paramedic during transport.

Ambulatory [TAL3]. There have been no changes for this Transportation Assistance Level.

Please contact Katharine Logan, Office of Health Emergency Preparedness with questions or concerns regarding these revisions. katharine.logan@health.ny.gov

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Transportation Assistance Level		Staffing support	Transportation Asset	Accompaniment	Designation symbols
1	Non-Ambulatory-Stretcher Individuals unable to travel in a sitting position and require stretcher transport. These patients/residents are clinically unable to be moved in a seated position, and may require equipment including but not limited to oxygen, cardiac monitors, or other biomedical devices to accompany them during movement.	Require clinical observation ranging from intermittent to 1:1 nursing. Critical cases may require a team of health care providers	Requires an ambulance or other specialized vehicle (e.g., helicopter medevac) for transport dependent on circumstance (e.g. high water)	Must be accompanied by one or more clinical provider(s) (e.g. EMT, paramedic, nurse, or physician) appropriate to their condition	1 
	Non-Ambulatory-Vent Individuals unable to travel in a sitting position, are on mechanical ventilation and require stretcher transport. These patients/residents are clinically unable to be moved in a seated position, and require equipment including but not limited to mechanical ventilators, oxygen, cardiac monitors, or other biomedical devices to accompany them during movement.	Require clinical observation ranging from intermittent to 1:1 nursing. Critical cases or interrupted procedures may require a team of health care providers	Requires an ambulance or other specialized vehicle (e.g., helicopter medevac) for transport dependent on circumstance (e.g. high water)	Must be accompanied by one or more clinical provider(s) (e.g. EMT, paramedic, nurse, or physician) appropriate to their condition	
	Non-Ambulatory-Bariatric Individuals unable to travel in a sitting position and require transportation on a wider stretcher. These patients/residents are clinically unable to be moved in a seated position, and may require equipment including but not limited to oxygen, mechanical ventilators, cardiac monitors, or other biomedical devices to accompany them during movement.	Require clinical observation ranging from intermittent to 1:1 nursing. Critical cases or interrupted procedures may require a team of health care providers	Requires an ambulance or other specialized vehicle (e.g., helicopter medevac) for transport dependent on circumstance (e.g. high water)	Must be accompanied by one or more clinical provider(s) (e.g. EMT, paramedic, nurse, or physician) appropriate to their condition	

Transportation Assistance Level		Staffing support	Transportation Asset	Accompaniment	Designation symbols
2	Wheelchair Individuals who cannot walk on their own but can sit for an extended period. Those who are alert but unable to walk due to physical or medical condition. They are stable, without any likelihood of resulting harm or impairment from wheelchair transport or prolonged periods of sitting, and do not require attached medical equipment or medical gas other than oxygen, an indwelling catheter or a PEG tube during their relocation or evacuation. Intravenous infusion lines should be converted to saline locks or discontinued for transport.	Safely managed by a single non-clinical staff member or healthcare facility-designated person if a saline lock is in place. Continued IV infusion would require a nurse or paramedic during transport.	May be transported as a group in a wheelchair appropriate vehicle (e.g., medical transport van or ambulette)	A single staff member or healthcare facility-designated person appropriate to the most acute patient/resident's condition while accompanying a group of patients/residents	2 
3	Ambulatory Individuals who can walk on their own at a reasonable pace. Those who can walk the distance from their in-patient location to the designated relocation or loading area without physical assistance, little supervision, and without any likelihood of resulting harm or impairment	Escorted by staff members, but may be moved in groups led by a single non-clinical staff member or healthcare facility-designated person. The optimum staff-to-patient ratio is 1:5.	Can be transported as a larger group in a passenger vehicle (e.g., bus, transport van, or private auto)	A single staff member appropriate to the most acute patient/resident's condition while accompanying a group of patients/residents	3 