

## **DEFINITIONS OF LEVEL OF SERVICE**

**BLS – Basic Life Support (BLS):** Where medically necessary, the provision of basic life support (BLS) services, including the establishment of a peripheral intravenous (IV) line.

**ALS1 – Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1):** Where medically necessary, the provision of an assessment by an advanced life support (ALS) provider and/or the provision of one or more ALS interventions. An ALS intervention is defined as a procedure beyond the scope of an EMT-Basic.

**ALS2 – Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2):** Where medically necessary, the administration of at least three medications, or three doses of the same medication, by IV infusion or the provision of one or more of the following ALS procedures: Manual defibrillation/cardioversion, Endotracheal Intubation, Central Venous Line, Cardiac Pacing, Chest Decompression, Surgical Airway, Intraosseous Line.

**SCT – Specialty Care Transports (SCT):** When medically necessary, for a critically injured or ill beneficiary, the patient's condition requires ongoing care that must be furnished by one or more health care professionals in an appropriate specialty area (for example nursing, emergency medicine, respiratory care, cardiovascular care, or a paramedic with additional training).