

**SAGINAW VALLEY
MEDICAL CONTROL AUTHORITY
PRACTICE PARAMETER**

BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCIES

I. Assessment Information

A. History

1. Current history: head injury, overdose/intoxication central nervous system disease or infection, hypoglycemia, postictal state, or hypoxia.

FIRST RESPONDER

II. Management

A. Assure scene is secure.¹

B. Assure law enforcement agency has been notified.²

C. Designate one (1) technician to be responsible for **ALL** interactions with patient.³

D. ABC's

E. IPS

F. If medical emergency, follow appropriate protocol.

G. If patient becomes violent or actions present a threat to patient's safety or that of others, restraint may be necessary.⁴

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

H. Transport, if transporting unit.

NOTIFY RECEIVING FACILITY

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT

CONTACT MEDICAL CONTROL

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- I. If chemical restraint necessary, administer **MIDAZOLAM** 0.1mg/kg to maximum of 10 mg IM.

¹ All rescue personnel shall exit the scene until secure. **If physical violence has occurred or there is a likelihood that the patient has access to a weapon, do not intervene.**

² **Protective Custody-** The temporary custody of an individual by a law enforcement officer with or without the individual's consent for the purpose of protecting that individual's health and safety, or the health and safety of the public and for purpose of transporting the individual appears, in the judgment of the law enforcement officer, to be a person requiring treatment. Protective custody is civil in nature and is not to be construed as an arrest. (330.401, Sec.410, Michigan Mental Health Code).

³ **Communication Skills:**

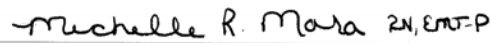
- a. Keep calm;do not get angry with the patient.
- b. Talk slowly and clearly to the patient; do not shout or threaten.
- c. Identify yourself and keep the patient constantly informed of what you are doing and why.
- d. Use speech that is very simple, in short statements.
- e. You may have to repeat yourself since the patient's comprehension abilities may be reduced. "You are safe with us. We are taking you to the hospital where you will be safe."
- f. Remember that a behavioral emergency can occur as a temporary problem in normally healthy individuals.

⁴ **Authority to Restrain-**EMS personnel are able to restrain and treat and transport an individual under authority of Sec 20969 of Public Act 179 which states:"*This part and the rules promulgated under this part do not authorize medical treatment for or transportation to a hospital of an individual who objects to the treatment or transportation. However, if emergency medical services personnel, exercising professional judgment, determine that the individual's condition makes the individual incapable of competently objecting to treatment or transportation, emergency medical services may provide treatment or transportation despite the individual's objections unless the objection is expressly based on the individual's religious beliefs.*"

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