



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alabama EMS Provider Services

FROM: Stephen Wilson, B.S., NRP, Director
Office of Emergency Medical Services 

SUBJECT: Request to Draw Blood by Law Enforcement Personnel

It has come to our attention that personnel from law enforcement have been requesting EMS personnel to draw blood from suspected impaired drivers.

The Alabama Department of Public Health's legal department advised that this procedure should not be performed on individuals who do not require medical interventions by on- scene Paramedics. In this instance, Paramedics would be exceeding their scope of license and would be in violation of State Emergency Medical Services Rules.

In the event that medical intervention is necessary, all reports, blood samples, and any other related information, should be delivered to the treating medical staff at the medical facility, and not any outside entity.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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