

REFUSED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (RMA) SITUATIONS

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Members of the Union Vale Fire District may be called to situations where patients refuse medical treatment and or transportation (RMA). While patients have a right to refuse they should be evaluated by medical personnel before doing so. After being evaluated the patient's situation shall be discussed with them so that they can make an informed decision. All findings shall be documented on the patient's PCR. If a patient refuses to be evaluated this information shall be documented on the patient's PCR. The patient shall be advised that they may change their decision at any time and receive treatment and / or transportation after completing a RMA. At no time shall a patient deemed to be unable to make an informed decision be allowed to make a RMA. If necessary a police agency shall be involved in the situation. In the case of a minor, only a parent, legal guardian, or police officer, shall have authority to RMA for the patient.