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**Background:** TR309.24(2)(c) states; In addition to the medical and surgical equipment specified in sub. (1), ambulances staffed with emergency medical technicians may carry the equipment specified in pars. (a) to (e) based on a services scope of practice, approved protocols and required training approved by the medical director the ambulance service provider reports to. Ambulances staffed with advanced emergency medical technicians and emergency medical technician- intermediates shall be equipped with the following:  
Electrocardiogram monitor 12, 15, or 18 lead with acquisition and transmission.

**Variance Request:** A variance request was submitted to the Division of State Patrol (DSP) by the Systems Management & Development Committee of the Wisconsin EMS board to make it optional for advanced EMT's to have access to 12, 15, or 18 lead electrocardiogram monitor. This is not required in the scope of practice for advanced EMT's.

**Guidance:** The Division of State Patrol in agreement with the Division of Public Health, approve this variance with the below requirement:

- Trans 309.07(5) requires a copy of the variance to be carried in the ambulance at all times.

Sincerely,

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