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## SOCALR BULLETIN

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SOCALR has recently received several inquiries regarding transporting two neonatal patients simultaneously. The regulations require that when more than one neonatal patient is transported simultaneously in the same ambulance:

- (1) There shall be at least one registered nurse or physician with advanced training in the care of neonates present for each neonatal patient; and
- (2) Each patient shall be secured in a separate patient restraint device appropriate for the patient's age and weight. (COMAR 30.09.12.04)

Regarding the personnel requirement, the regulation requires three providers attending the two patients, in addition to the driver. The personnel required under COMAR 30.09.12.04, the driver, a registered nurse or physician with advanced training in the care of neonates, and a qualified Maryland licensed health care provider, must be supplemented by a registered nurse or physician with neonatal clinical competencies.

Regarding the equipment requirement, the patients must be in separate patient restraint devices. SOCALR has received an inquiry regarding an isolette carrying two babies simultaneously. There is currently NO isolette that has been found to be appropriate by SOCALR for transporting two neonates simultaneously within the same isolette.

If you have additional questions regarding the transport of neonates, please feel free to contact the SOCALR office at 410-706-8511 or by e-mail at [SOCALR@miemss.org](mailto:SOCALR@miemss.org) or Carla Bailey, Director of Perinatal Programs, at [cbailey@miemss.org](mailto:cbailey@miemss.org) or (410) 706-3931.

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