



2021 Bi-annual Report

Air Medical Transport -

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BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

To: Health & Human Services Interim Committee
From: Air Ambulance Committee
Subject: Air Medical Transport – State Standards and Requirements

Summary

This report is a response to the statutory requirement. Since the last report, the Air Ambulance Committee has worked to fulfill the responsibilities by convening monthly meetings to accomplish the following:


1. Coordinate operational responses for disaster response focusing on local events by reviewing past scene responses and best practices.
2. Raise the awareness for licensed air medical transport providers by providing an avenue for discussion of operational concerns.
3. Discuss standards, including rules for staffing and training, as part of a comprehensive review of accreditation organizations to determine processes against the current rule R426-10 Air Ambulance Licensure and Operations.

All of the monthly meetings have added to the standards and requirements to ensure patients will receive quality medical attention and care by air medical transport providers operating in the state of Utah.

The Air Ambulance Committee is currently working to complete the analysis of accreditation policies and practices. Final reviews and recommendations will be submitted to the Department of Health. Additional review and amendments are planned for R426-10. A continued effort will include the discussion to coordinate best practices in air ambulance requests for service, scene safety, patient care, operational guidance, staffing requirements, and related industry issues for licensed providers.

The Air Ambulance Committee serves voluntarily and provides invaluable direction for stakeholders including providers and the Department of Health.

Our recommendation is that the Air Ambulance Committee will be continued indefinitely to ensure a quality system for the future.



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