

**10A NCAC 13P .0302 AIR MEDICAL SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORT PROGRAM CRITERIA FOR LICENSED EMS PROVIDERS USING ROTARY-WING AIRCRAFT**

- (a) Air Medical Programs using rotary-wing aircraft shall document that the program has:
- (1) medical crew members that have all completed training regarding:
    - (A) altitude physiology; and
    - (B) the operation of the EMS communications system used in the program;
  - (2) written policies and procedures for transporting patients to designated facilities when diversion or bypass plans are activated;
  - (3) written policies and procedures specifying how EMS Systems will dispatch and utilize aircraft operated by the program;
  - (4) written triage protocols for trauma, stroke, STEMI, burn, and pediatric patients reviewed and approved by the OEMS Medical Director;
  - (5) written policies and procedures specifying how EMS Systems will receive the Specialty Care Transport Services offered under the program when the aircraft are unavailable for service; and
  - (6) written policies and procedures specifying how mutual aid assistance will be obtained from both in-state and bordering out-of-state air medical programs.
- (b) All patient response, re-positioning, and mission flight legs shall be conducted under FAA part 135 regulations.

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