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## **100167 Application of Chapter**

### **(a)**

It is the scope of this Chapter to establish minimum standards for the integration of EMS Aircraft and personnel into the local EMS prehospital patient transport system as a specialized resource for the transport and care of emergency medical patients.

### **(b)**

A local EMS agency may integrate aircraft into its prehospital patient transport system. Each local EMS agency choosing to integrate such aircraft into its prehospital care system shall develop a program which at minimum: (1) Classifies EMS aircraft in accordance with Section 100167(c)(3). (2) Incorporates into their EMS plan the utilization of EMS aircraft including but not limited to an inventory of:

(A) The number and type of authorized EMS aircraft. (B) The patient capacity of authorized EMS aircraft. (C) The level of patient care provided by EMS aircraft personnel. (D) Receiving facilities with landing sites approved by the State Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division. (3) Establishes policies and/or procedures to assure compliance with the provisions of this Chapter. (4) Develops written agreements with air ambulance or rescue aircraft providers specifying conditions to routinely serve their jurisdiction.

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**(c)**

In those jurisdictions where a local EMS agency has chosen to integrate aircraft into its prehospital patient transport system:(1) No person or organization shall provide or hold themselves out as providing prehospital Air Ambulance or Air Rescue services unless that person or organization has aircraft which have been

classified by a local EMS agency or in the case of the California Highway Patrol, California Department of Forestry, and California National Guard, the EMS Authority. (2) All EMS Aircraft shall be classified. (3) EMS aircraft classification shall be limited to the following categories: (A) Air Ambulance (B) ALS Rescue Aircraft (C) BLS Rescue Aircraft (D) Auxiliary Rescue Aircraft (4) EMS Aircraft classification shall be reviewed in accordance with policies of the classifying agency. Reclassification shall occur if there is a transfer of ownership or a change in the aircraft's category. (5) EMS aircraft must be authorized by the local EMS agency in order to provide prehospital patient transport within the jurisdiction of the local EMS agency. A request from a designated dispatch center shall be deemed as authorization of aircraft operated by the California Highway Patrol, Department of Forestry, National Guard or the Federal Government. (6) Air Ambulance and Air Rescue service providers including any company, lessee, agency (excluding agencies of the federal government), provider, owner, operator who provides or makes available prehospital air transport or medical personnel either directly or indirectly or any hospital where an EMS aircraft is based, housed, or stationed permanently or temporarily shall adhere to all federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, policies, and procedures related to EMS aircraft operations, including qualifications of flight crews and aircraft maintenance. (7) The local EMS agency may charge a fee to cover the costs directly associated with the classification and authorization of EMS aircraft.

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