

100168 System Policies and Procedures

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Those local EMS agencies choosing to integrate aircraft into the prehospital patient transport system shall develop policies and procedures for: (1) the authorization of EMS aircraft to be utilized in prehospital patient care. (2) requesting EMS aircraft including but not limited to the types of personnel and/or organizations that may request or cancel EMS aircraft. EMS aircraft requests shall only be made through a dispatch center which has been designated by a local EMS agency. (3) the dispatching of EMS aircraft. These policies and procedures shall include but not be limited to: (A) Availability and appropriateness of transportation and medical personnel resources including: 1. Ground versus air transport as related to proximity and type of incident. 2. Medical capability of potential responders. (B) Notification of and coordination with other responding agencies. (C) Termination of EMS aircraft response. (4) Determining EMS aircraft patient destination including consideration of an interim stop at a rural hospital and continuation of care until the responsibility is assumed by the emergency or other staff of a final destination hospital. (5) Orientation of pilots and medical flight crews to the local EMS system. (6) Addressing and resolving formal complaints regarding the integration of aircraft into the prehospital patient transport system.

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(b)

The local agency's policies and procedures for medical control shall apply to the medical flight crew. Such policies and procedures may be modified by the local EMS agency, if required by the uniqueness of EMS aircraft response.

(c)

The authorizing EMS agency's policies and procedures for record keeping and quality assurance, shall apply to EMS aircraft operations. Current policies and procedures maybe modified if required by the uniqueness of EMS aircraft response.