



## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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### **Title: Mission Scope of Care and Limitations**

**Purpose:** To define and describe the patient mission limitations for transport and to insure safe, quality patient care while maintaining safe operations. This program values integrity of service, collaboration with customers and stakeholders, and continuous improvement.

### **Policy:**

- A. MONOC 1 transports one patient at a time for both interfacility and scene flights.
- B. MONOC 1 operates 24 hours per day 7 days a week dependent upon weather with availability within a 150-mile radius.
- C. The program uses an EC135 P2plus for all mission. Two EC135 backup aircraft are available for continuance of service if planned or unplanned circumstances dictate the need for continuity of service.
- D. Medical crew configuration is at minimum, one licensed registered nurses (RN) who is a Certified Flight Registered Nurses (within one year of hire) and one Nationally Registered and New Jersey State Paramedic who is a Flight Paramedic-Certified (within one year of hire). Two RNs may configure a medical crew as each RN is either a Nationally Registered/New Jersey State Paramedic or a New Jersey endorsed Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN).
- E. **Patients on an Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump (IABP) cannot be flown by MONOC 1.**  
When air medical is requested for an IABP, the flight will be outsourced to either Medevac 5 or Air 1. Response time of these air medical units may be increased due to the packaging of the IABP and flight time.

- F. Pediatric patients of greater than or equal to five (5) Kg can be flown and vented using the ReVel portable ventilator.
- G. When necessary, a patient with a Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) can be flown to a Tertiary Hospital for a higher level of care as long as it is beneficial for the patient as a time sensitive concern.
- H. Bipap patients whose calculated oxygen amount does not exceed oxygen limits can be flown. When oxygen limits exceed or impairs or diminishes patient care these patients will be transported via ground SCT.
- I. No OB patients in active labor and or three centimeters in dilation will be transported.
- J. No patient knowingly in cardiac arrest (CA) will be placed in the aircraft (EC135) for transport since effective Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation cannot be maximized for optimum patient care.
- K. No patient greater than 500 pounds or of large girth in excess of the stretcher can be flown.
- L. No contaminated patient with residual scents or odors that can be exacerbated in a closed cabin environment will be flown for crew and patient safety.
- M. This policy in its most updated form will be posted on the MONOC Website for customers to review.
- N. At no time will a patient be transported who is thought to not have the psychological capacity to safely fly in the confined space of the helicopter and considered to pose a threat to the crew and pilot.
- O. The Pilot in Command has the final authority to accept or decline any mission for any reason.

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