

SECTION .0300 – SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORT PROGRAMS

10A NCAC 13P .0301 SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORT PROGRAM CRITERIA

(a) EMS Providers seeking designation to provide specialty care transports shall submit an application for program approval to the OEMS at least 60 days prior to field implementation. The application shall document that the program has:

- (1) a defined service area that identifies the specific transferring and receiving facilities in which the program is intended to service;
- (2) written policies and procedures implemented for medical oversight meeting the requirements of Section .0400;
- (3) service continuously available on a 24 hour per day basis;
- (4) the capability to provide the patient care skills and procedures as specified in "North Carolina College of Emergency Physicians: Standards for Medical Oversight and Data Collection," incorporated by reference in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.6, including subsequent amendments and editions. This document is available from the OEMS, 2707 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2707, at no cost;
- (5) a written continuing education program for EMS personnel, under the direction of the Specialty Care Transport Program Continuing Education Coordinator, developed and modified based on feedback from program data, review and evaluation of patient outcomes, and quality management review that follows the guidelines of the:
 - (A) "US DOT NHTSA EMT-Basic Refresher: National Standard Curriculum" for EMT personnel; and
 - (B) "EMT-P and EMT-I Continuing Education National Guidelines" for EMT-I and EMT-P personnel.

These documents are incorporated by reference in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.6, including subsequent amendments and additions. These documents are available from NHTSA, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, at no cost;

- (6) a communication system that will provide two-way voice communications for transmission of patient information to medical crew members anywhere in the service area of the program. The SCTP medical director shall verify that the communications system is satisfactory for on-line medical direction;
 - (7) medical crew members that have all completed training regarding:
 - (A) operation of the EMS communications system used in the program; and
 - (B) the medical and patient safety equipment specific to the program. This training shall be conducted every six months;
 - (8) written operational protocols for the management of equipment, supplies and medications. These protocols include:
 - (A) a listing of all standard medical equipment, supplies, and medications for all vehicles used in the program based on the treatment protocols and approved by the medical director; and
 - (B) a methodology to assure that each ground vehicle and aircraft contains the required equipment, supplies and medications on each response; and
 - (9) written policies and procedures specifying how EMS Systems will dispatch and utilize the ground ambulances and aircraft operated by the program.
- (b) When transporting patients, staffing for the ground ambulance and aircraft used in the SCTP shall be approved by the SCTP medical director as medical crew members, using any of the following appropriate for the condition of the patient:
- (1) EMT-Paramedic;
 - (2) nurse practitioner;
 - (3) physician;
 - (4) physician assistant;
 - (5) registered nurse; and
 - (6) respiratory therapist.

(c) Specialty Care Transport Programs as defined in Rule .0102(56) of this Subchapter are exempt from the staffing requirements defined in G.S. 131E-158(a).

(d) Specialty Care Transport Program approval are valid for a period to coincide with the EMS Provider License, not to exceed six years. Programs shall apply to the OEMS for reapproval.

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