



El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

Policy Subject Matter: **Utilization of Air Ambulance**
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I. Policy:

- A. Immediate transportation via air ambulance should be considered in the presence of one or more of the following criteria:
1. Critical time factors
 2. Need for advanced procedures
 3. Base hospital recommendation
 4. Mechanism of injury
 5. Trauma patient with significant sign/symptoms (i.e., altered mental status; spinal cord injury with neurologic deficit; open head, neck or chest injury; significant blunt neck, chest, or abdominal injury; burns over 18% TBSA).
 6. Remote geographic location or difficult topography.
 7. Other factors which, in the judgment of the Incident Commander, warrant air transportation.
- B. The ECC shall dispatch an air ambulance upon request of the Incident Commander or the highest medical personnel in route or present on scene.
- C. Air transportation shall be dispatched in conformance with internal ECC policies and procedures and EMS Agency guidelines.

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the appropriate and prompt dispatch of air ambulance transportation to the scene of an emergency.