

<b>HEALTH PLAN POLICY</b>	
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**SCOPE:**

This document addresses emergency air ambulance transport. Emergency medical transportation may be needed when a treatment facility does not have the staff or equipment available to treat an injury or illness and the patient requires transportation to another facility.

**DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS:**

- **Myocardial Infarction (MI)**
- **Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty (PTCA)**

**POLICY:**

Medical necessity is established when the following five criteria are met:

- 1) The air ambulance must have necessary special equipment and supplies to meet healthcare needs.
- 2) Any other form of transportation is medically contraindicated
- 3) Critical medical need due to trauma or serious illness.
- 3) Time is of the essence for the survival of the patient.
- 4) There is a life threatening health emergency such as trauma, shock state, intracranial bleeding or acute MI in need of PTCA.
- 5) The receiving facility is an acute care hospital with an emergency department and/or trauma team, if needed; and an intensive care unit.

**REFERENCES:**

- American College of Emergency Physicians February 2018

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**RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

None

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