

HEALTH PLAN POLICY	
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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

REVISION HISTORY:

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A	08/06/2020	Annual review. Updated Scope and miscellaneous verbiage.	Executive Leadership
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