144E.121 AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Aviation compliance.** An air ambulance service must comply with the regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the rules of the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division.

Subd. 2. **Personnel.** (a) With the exception of pilots, each of the air ambulance emergency medical personnel must:

(1) possess current certification, appropriate to the type of ambulance service being provided, according to section 144E.28, be a registered nurse, or be a physician assistant; and

(2) be trained to use the equipment on the air ambulance.

(b) Emergency medical personnel for an air ambulance service must receive training approved by the licensee's medical director that includes instruction in the physiological changes due to decreased atmospheric pressure, acceleration, vibration, and changes in altitude; medical conditions requiring special precautions; and contraindications to air transport.

(c) A licensee's medical director must sign and file a statement with the licensee that each of its emergency medical personnel has successfully completed the training under paragraph (b).

(d) A licensee shall retain documentation of compliance with this subdivision in its files.

Subd. 3. **Equipment.** An air ambulance must carry equipment appropriate to the level of service being provided. Equipment that is not permanently stored on or in an air ambulance must be kept separate from the air ambulance in a modular prepackaged form.

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