

Rule#: 157.12 and 157.13
Title: Rotary Wing Air Medical Provider Licensing
Repeal or Readopt: Repeal and Rewrite
Proposed Revisions:

Repeal existing language and develop new minimum standards regarding the following:

- Revise rule section titles:
 - From: “Rotor Wing Air Ambulance Operations” and “Fixed Wing Air Ambulance Operations”
 - To: “Requirements for Rotor Wing Air Medical Provider License” and . . . “Fixed Wing . . .”
- Revise/clarify rule purpose – from operations standards to comprehensive air medical provider license and operational requirements
- Incorporate comprehensive provider licensing initial application requirements & documentation required (to make air rules stand-alone)
 - Refine medical director capabilities / responsibilities for air medical
 - Add FAA certifications, i.e. air worthiness, Part 135 carrier, etc.)
 - Add air medical safety training requirements
- License issuance details for air medical provider license and authorizations
- Air medical vehicle specs, outfitting requirements, identification, communications & federal regulation compliance
- Air medical vehicle substitution and replacement
- Air medical staffing plan
 - Hiring, education and credentialing process customized to air medical
 - Requirements for professional development programs customized to air medical
- Air medical QI/QA requirements
- Air medical minimum staffing
- Air medical treatment and transfer protocols
- Air medical EMS equipment and supplies, medical devices, parenteral solutions and pharmaceuticals
- Minimum Air medical equipment
 - Include demonstration of specific in-flight air medical standard capabilities
- National accreditation – may exempt air medical providers from portions of licensing requirements
- Subscription service requirements
- Air medical responsibilities
 - Include air medical physician responsibilities [addressed in air med committee draft]
- Provisional license
- Advertisements
- Inspections/surveys
- Specialty care transport qualifications
- Texas Online Authority information