

Iowa County, Iowa  
Policy Manual

Title: Air Medical Transport	Reference #: AMB 1024
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**Policy**

- 1) Air medical transport should be utilized when:
  - a) Transport time to definitive care can be significantly reduced for critically ill or injured patients, where saving time is in the best interest of the patient.
  - b) There are multiple ill or injured patients where the needs exceed the means available.
  - c) There is difficult access to the patient due to
    - i) Wilderness or water
    - ii) Road Conditions
    - iii) Other locations difficult to access
    - iv) Entrapment in vehicles or machinery
  - d) EMS provider "index of suspicion" based upon mechanism of Injury and patient assessment
- 2) General information that the helicopter may request, and should be relayed to the helicopter dispatch center
  - a) Weight of patient
  - b) Age of patient
  - c) Receiving facility
  - d) Landing zone – secured
  - e) Ground contact information