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
HEALTH PLAN POLICY

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