

REGIONS HOSPITAL EMS	
POLICY/PROCEDURE: Interfacility Transports	Page 1 of 1
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Purpose:

To assure that services providing interfacility transport are capable of providing a safe transfer of the patient from one facility to another.

Policy:

1. Prehospital providers that participate in interfacility transfers must have written guidelines and appropriate training for the particular type of patient they will encounter. The provider should not take a transfer if he/she does not feel comfortable completing, due to level of training or lack of knowledge regarding equipment. Any medications or treatments used in the transfer agreement must have the approval of the Medical Director.
2. Prehospital providers shall have a written policy for their service regarding where they will transfer a patient to within the hospital (i.e. to the ED only or to the ED and ICU only).
3. Services shall have written policy for which hospitals they will transport patients based on the needs of the patient vs. the needs of the department (i.e. the dual role Public Safety departments).
4. All agency interfacility guidelines need to be approved by the Medical Director prior to implementation. A copy of these guidelines needs to be maintained in the Regions EMS office, and should be updated on an annual basis.