

**Utilize a program with demonstrated commitment to excellent patient care,
safety, and accountability.**



Question	Flight For Life Colorado		Other Service	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
SAFETY				
Does the service provide night vision goggles for each helicopter crewmember to increase the safety of flights in darkness, and decrease the pilot workload?	✓			
Does the service require that all of its helicopter pilots have at least 3,000 hours in helicopters, including standards for night and mountain hours?	✓			
Does the service require that all legs of all flights be flown under Part 135 of the FAR's, with higher weather reporting and duty time standards?	✓			
Does the service require that each of its fixed wing pilots have at least 2,000 hours including night, mountain and instrument time?	✓			
QUALITY				
Is the service committed to accreditation by CAMTS, the industry benchmark for safety, clinical education and quality improvement?	✓			
Are all of the service's helicopters based at hospitals where the crewmembers assist in the care of critical trauma and medical patients every day?	✓			
Does the service have critical care ground and fixed wing options when weather prohibits helicopters from flying?	✓			
Does the service have a local Communications Center familiar with geography, referring facilities and pre-hospital agencies?	✓			
Does the service have helicopters capable of handling Colorado's higher altitudes in warmer weather?	✓			
Does the service have fixed wing airplanes capable of landing on Colorado's shorter runways at higher altitudes?	✓			
Does every flight nurse work full time, ensuring maximum experience with critical patients in the transport environment?	✓			
Does the service have a long tradition of being the program of choice for several agencies and tertiary care centers? (The Children's Hospital, University Hospital, Ft Carson Army Base, Outward Bound, many counties' Search and Rescue groups, ski patrols)	✓			
ACCOUNTABILITY				
Does the service provide follow up to referring agencies and facilities for all of its patients transported by air?	✓			
Does the service have an aggressive Quality Improvement program accountable to a healthcare system, with significant Medical Director involvement?	✓			
Does the service have mandatory rest times for its medical crewmembers between scheduled shifts to minimize fatigue and promote safety?	✓			
Does the service have Medical Directors for all bases who are board-certified and actively practicing in Emergency Medicine?	✓			
Does the service meet its ETA's for helicopters within 3 minutes of forecast times, for 96% of flights?	✓			

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