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AIR AMBULANCES

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44:05:05:20. Ground ambulance component for air ambulance service.—~~A licensed~~ An air ambulance service may operate a ground ambulance component as part of its service if the ground ambulance component is used solely to transport the ~~licensee's~~ air ambulance service's patients. The ground ambulance component may transport patients ~~in either of the following ways as follows:~~

(1) From an acute care hospital facility to an airport located in the area where the licensee maintains its ordinary and usual place of business; ~~or~~

(2) From an airport located in the area where the licensee maintains its ordinary and usual place of business, to an acute care hospital facility; or

(3) From one health care facility to another health care facility, unless the ambulance service that has a right to provide the service pursuant to local government agreement or ordinance has declined to provide service.

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44:05:05:20.01. Ground ambulance component for healthcare facility-operated

air ambulance service -- Interfacility transfer. A health care facility, licensed in accordance with SDCL chapter 34-12 that operates an air ambulance service, may transfer a patient from one health care facility to another health care facility using the air ambulance service's ground component if:

- (1) Weather or mechanical issues prevent a medical air transport; or
- (2) The transfer is for a patient who requires a higher level of care than what is available at the facility requesting the transfer.

The ambulance service that has a right to provide the service pursuant to local government agreement or ordinance has the right of first refusal.

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