



**SCOPE OF CARE – MEDFLIGHT ONE**

The scope of care of the Medflight One program is to provide pre-hospital emergency medical care of the sick and injured patients within Collier County, Florida. The Medflight One program concentrates on:

- Providing rapid transport of on the scene trauma alert patients to local trauma centers.
- Provide advanced level airway procedures with Rapid Sequence Induction and Intubation.
- Requests by an on-scene Attending Medical Practitioner in which use of Medflight One will positively impact the patients' outcome.

On a lesser extent, the Medflight One program also provides:

- Inter- hospital transports in which a higher level of care is needed than what can be provided at local hospitals.

Appropriate inter –hospital transports are determined by the Medical Director’s protocol. The Medical Directors protocol determines that the level of care, staffing, and equipment is commensurate to the needs of the patient being transported. Medflight one does not perform neonate (infant less than 28 days of life and/or less than 5 kg) inter-hospital transports.

The following types of patients are *not* transported by Medflight One:

- OB patient with imminent delivery
- Adult patient requiring CPR
- Patient weighing in excess of 350 lbs or otherwise determined unable to fit within the patient area or safely loaded
- Patient unable to recline with the side rails in the “up” position
- Patient contaminated by hazardous materials
- Patient requiring respiratory isolation
- Combative patients

The Medflight One team consists of a pilot, and normal medical staffing is two (2) flight medics – but can consist of specialized personnel (doctor, nurse, respiratory therapist) if needed.

This scope of care is commensurate with ALS qualifications and training as well as the values the program was founded upon; which is to provide world class rapid and safe transport to appropriate medical facilities.

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