

Table 1: Air Ambulance Survey Summary with Flight, Accreditation, Membership Information (revised 5/23/2016)

	Operational Base	Profit / NonProfit	In MT Flights 2014		Flights out of state 2014		Total 2014 transports	Average response time		Accreditation?	Decider of emergency?	MT uniform dispatch protocols?	Membership sales?	Reciprocal agreements? How many?
			Fixed	Rotor	Fixed	Rotor		Fixed	Rotor					
Air Idaho Rescue /Air Methods	FW=Idaho Falls RW=W. Yellowstone	Profit	skipped Q	skipped Q	skipped Q	skipped Q	skipped Q	15 mins	8 mins	skipped Q	skipped Q	Yes	skipped Q	skipped Q
A.L.E.R.T./ Kalispell Regional Medical Center	Kalispell	Not-for-profit	skipped Q	skipped Q	skipped Q	skipped Q	skipped Q	30 mins.	5 mins.	None	referring physician	skipped Q	Yes - \$59 individual \$100 family	No
Airlift Northwest (shaded because out of state)	Seattle WA	Government Entity under U of Wash.	0	0	19	0	3,114 (all states)	15 mins.		CAMTS	referring physician	Yes	No memberships sold in Montana	Yes - 7
Benefis Mercy Flight	Great Falls	Not-for-profit	371	526	80	0	919*	39 mins	11 mins	CAMTS	Referring QMP	No	No	skipped Q
Billings Clinic MedFlight	Billings	Not-for-profit	453	NA	101	NA	676	35 mins	NA		sending and receiving MDs	See Note 3		No
HELP Flight (St. Vincent's)	Billings	Not-for-profit	317	412	82	0	806*	45 mins	11.56 mins	CAMTS	Care managers & flight managers. See Note 2	No	Yes - \$59 for individual or family	Yes, AAMPS members (Lifeflight and NW Medstar)
Life Flight (Butte)	Butte	Not-for-profit	10 See note	152		11				CAMTS			Yes - \$60/yr	AAMMP, Airlift NW, Air Methods
MT Medical Transport	Helena	Profit	94	0	72	0	166	50 mins	NA		Referring physician	No	No	
Northeast MT Stat Air	Glasgow	Not-for-profit	532	NA	22	NA	554	20-30 mins	NA	See note 1	physician in consult with receiving physician	No	No	No
NW MedStar (at time of survey not owned by Life Flight)	Missoula	Not-for-profit	114	195	130	3	442 (Msla)	13.9 mins	8.3 mins	CAMTS	Referring physician or EMS agency	No	No	Yes (8)
Sanford AirMed (shaded because out of state)	Dickinson ND	Not-for-profit	0	0	0	1	3,186	20 mins	15 mins	CAMTS	Referring physician	No	No	No
Summit / REACH**	Belgrade, Helena (former Eagle Med in Butte)	Profit	93	219	74	9	1907 total, of which 407 in Montana	15 - 20 mins	8 - 10 mins	CAMTS inspection in January 2016	requestor (whether physician or dispatcher)	No	Yes- \$65/ family. Employer/group rates. Sales in 2014= 2,568, in 2015= 5,816	Air Med Care Network - 1.7 mil. members in 32 states
Valley Med Flight, Inc.***	skipped Q	Profit	skipped Q	skipped Q	skipped Q					NAAMTA				

Abbreviations: CAMTS = Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems; NAAMTA=National Accreditation Alliance of Medical Transport Applications; QMP = Qualified Medical Provider

*For Benefis, adds to 977. For HELP Flight adds to 811

** Summit was fully dissolved in 2016 after REACHAir acquired the carrier in mid-2015. Data shown here is for Summit, not Eagle Med. Not all data under the previous ownership was available to REACHAir, which answered parts of the survey.

***Valley MedFlight is independent but managed by Air Medical Resource Group, which handles accounting and legal issues for a variety of air and ground ambulances

Note 1: Life Flight in Butte was established in November 2014, so data is not for a full year

Note 2: Northeast Stat Air listed various certifications, such as Transport Nurse Advance Trauma Course, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, but not CAMTS or NAAMTA.

Note 3: Use prescheduled flights one to several days in advance. Must be preauthorized by insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid.

Note 4: Billings Clinic MedFlight noted that all flight programs have their own dispatch centers / dispatchers. The assumption is that protocols are program specific and may differ based on vehicle type