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## INTRODUCTION

It is the purpose of **Grace on Wings** to show the love of Christ through the gift of aviation by providing cost effective fixed-wing transport for medical patients in the Midwest area--patients that are in need of medically supervised transport over 150miles. Patients must be deemed stable by their attending physician for such transport and the Physician "Order for Transport" form, signed by their physician, must be sent to us before tentatively scheduling a flight. Final flight approval will be based on medical information packet sent to us and approved by our Medical Director.

If a patient is determined to need non-medically supervised air transport, they will be referred to other providing companies. Patients requiring transport either outside the Midwest or not to or from Indianapolis will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If it is determined we cannot provide service to them, they will be referred to other providers.

All transport will be supervised under the Medical Director. He/She will approve transport, provide policies/procedures for transport, and review transport documentation. All air ambulance transport will be bedside to bedside service unless patient and our providers both feel it is not necessary.

Insurance companies will not be billed for the patient, but a receipt for any transport costs will be given to submit to the patient's insurance if they have coverage. We offer discounted fees as we have a volunteer staff and are a federal non-profit organization.

**Grace on Wings** flight crew consists of two pilots, and two medical staff consisting of at least one physician, physician assistant or RN and another medical staff member of at least an LPN or EMT level. All medical staff have training in flight physiology and flight safety and have current licensure in their field. Our pilot in command has specialized MU-2 flight training and experience of over 4,000 flight hours.

To qualify for **Grace on Wings**, medical air transport patients must:

- be non-ambulatory
- require medical care en route
- not have active or untreated MRSA, VRE or TB

Included in this package is a **Required Information Checklist** showing the paperwork that must be completed and **in our hands** before we can transport your patient.

### **IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER:**

The **Letter of Acceptance** from the receiving facility must acknowledge their acceptance of the patient and that a bed will be available for the patient upon arrival. It must be written on the facility's letterhead and signed by an authorized representative of the facility. If the patient is being transported to a residence instead of a facility, we require the completion of the **Residential Acceptance Form** instead.

**Both ground ambulances** will need to be scheduled to make a Round Trip in order to transport our medical staff and 6 ft. stretcher as well as patient. For more info read the **Scheduling Ground Ambulances information sheet**.