

Free Standing Emergency Department (FSED) Patient Transfer



What IS medically necessary for Ambulance Transports and Transfers?

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Do you believe this is medically necessary?

NO

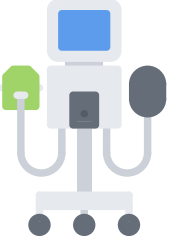
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What IS NOT medically necessary?

YES


An ambulance service is medically necessary when the physician/APP has evaluated the patient and at least 1 of the 4 criterion are met:



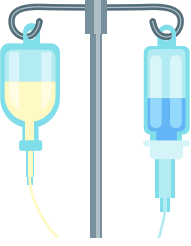
Bed confined at the time of transport




Advanced Life Support Monitoring Required



Monitoring Required



Medical condition that contraindicates transport by other means

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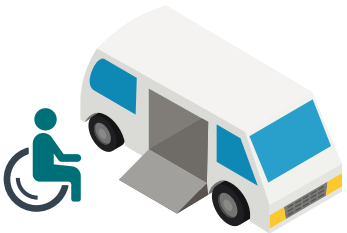
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If the patient does not meet the stated criterion **AND is medically stable**, take these steps:



Consider three transportation options:

1



Wheelchair Van

2



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Ride Share Service

3



Personal Vehicle

Patient must be:

1. Determined to be medically stable by the sending physician **and**
2. May not drive himself/herself



Complete the [Electronic Transfer Request Form](#)



For emergent transfers (e.g., risk for loss of life, loss of limb, code situations {STEMI, Sepsis, Stroke}, call PCL directly at 704-512-7878).



NOTE (1 & 2)

Referring Atrium Health Facility will be billed for the service, and patient's responsibility will be established as per insurance and/or regulatory guidelines.

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What IS NOT medically necessary for Ambulance Transports and Transfers?



Below are some potential scenarios where a patient **WOULD NOT qualify** as medically necessary for an ambulance transport and transfer

A stable pediatric patient transferring for an appendectomy or orthopedic consultation with a legal guardian who can drive them.




A stable patient with an extremity fracture who has a safe ride to the facility.



Patient is requesting an ambulance ride but **does not meet** any medical necessity criterion.



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