

**Table 1: Air Ambulance Survey Summary with Flight, Accreditation, Membership Information** (revised 12/23/2015 to include REACH Air information)

|   | 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<br>RW=W.<br>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   |
| 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)                           |  |                    |                    |           |                           |           |                       |                       |            |                                  |   |                                |  |  |
| 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         | No                             | No   | No   |
| NW MedStar                                    | Missoula                                     | Not-for-profit     | 114                | 195       | 130                       | 3         | 442 (Msla)            | 13.9 mins             | 8.3 mins   | CAMTS                            | physician or EMS agency                     | No                             | No   | Yes (8)  |
| Sanford AirMed                                | 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             | 94                 | 173       | 73                        | 7         | 347                   | 24 mins               | 8 mins     | CAMTS inspection in January 2016 | requestor (whether physician or dispatcher) | No                             | Yes- \$65/ family. Also, employers / group rates | 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; QMP = Qualified Medical Provider; CAMTS= Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems; NAAMTA=National Accreditation Alliance of Medical Transport Applications

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

\*\*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:** 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 2:** Use prescheduled flights one to several days in advance. Must be preauthorized by insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid.

**Note 3:** 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.