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Air Ambulance Services Operating in Montana

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Air ambulance services, their base where available, type, and membership information if available

Service Name	Base	Type	Comments
Air Idaho Rescue	Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, Idaho Falls Serves W. Yellowstone	rotor	Notes that flight time from W. Yellowstone to Idaho Falls is 36 minutes.
A.L.E.R.T. I A.L.E.R.T. II	Kalispell	rotor and fixed wing	Based at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. Local community board. Memberships: Individual \$59. Family \$100. Not necessarily reciprocal.
Billings Clinic Medflight	Billings	fixed wing	Part of hospital in terms of personnel. Aircraft contracted.
Eagle Med LLC Eagle Med LLC	Cody, WY Butte	Both rotor	Private, has memberships.
Help Flight St. Vincent Healthcare / Metro Aviation	Billings	rotor and fixed wing	St. V's Helicopter Emergency Lifesaving Program (HELP) serves Central and South Central Montana and Northern Wyoming. Care coordinated by a St. V's ER physician. Aircraft is contracted.
Life Flight Network	Butte Sandpoint, ID	rotor and fixed wing -- fixed wing	Not-for-profit. Largest in nation. Has reciprocal arrangements with Northwest Med-Star in Missoula and Air Idaho Rescue in Idaho Falls. Costs \$60 for basic members.
Med-Trans Corp. dba Spirit Lifeline (closed?)	Dickinson, ND	rotor	News articles indicate Spirit Lifeline no longer in business.
Mercy Flight Benefis Healthcare /Metro Aviation	Great Falls	rotor and fixed wing	Metro Aviation handles Benefis Mercy Flights.

Montana Medical Transport	Helena	fixed wing	Website not accessible 6/8
NW Med-Star / Metro Aviation	Missoula	rotor and fixed wing	Family membership \$59/year. No other Montana-based services listed as reciprocal.
REACH Air Medical Service LLC dba Summit	Helena Belgrade	fixed rotor	Website says largest U.S. membership program. Does not appear to be reciprocal. FAQ says "If an AirMedCare Network Provider does not transport you, you will be responsible for payment..." \$65 annual family membership
Sanford Air Med	Dickinson. Aircraft based in Bismarck and Fargo, ND, Sioux Falls SD, Bemidji MN	fixed	Limited information found.
N.E. Montana Stat Air Ambulance Service	Glasgow.	fixed	Board includes members of N.E. Montana hospitals plus chief executive officers. 100% hospital owned. Not contracted
Valley Med Flight	Sidney, based in Grand Forks ND	fixed	Memberships. Family with insurance - \$50. Family without insurance \$80/1 year.