

Flight For Life

Colorado

Application for Ambulance Licensure

Submitted

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Board of County Commissioners  
Summit County, Colorado  
P.O. Box 68  
Breckenridge, CO 80424

Flight For Life Colorado is pleased to apply for ambulance licensure in Summit County in order to continue providing critical care ground services and assist in the transfer of ALS (Advanced Life Support) and BLS (Basic Life Support) patients should that be needed in the future.

Flight For Life has provided helicopter services for Summit County residents and visitors since October of 1972. Flight For Life was the first civilian helicopter air ambulance in the nation. The Frisco helicopter, Lifeguard 2 will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being back in Summit County on December 26<sup>th</sup> of this year. Our ground ambulance (Terra 2) began service in September of 1998 and has served approximately 2000 patients when helicopters have been unable to fly due to weather. During these past two decades our partnership with Summit County Ambulance has served the public with a much-needed level of critical care, using the flight crews and ambulance staff working as a team.

As the merger of Summit Ambulance and Fire Services takes shape it is clear a separate license is necessary to provide continuity of care moving forward.

Thank you for considering this application. Flight For Life Colorado remains dedicated to the residents and visitors of Summit County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Mayer".

Kathleen Mayer, MS, RN  
Program Director  
Flight For Life Colorado

## Application

1. Flight For Life Colorado is operated by Centura Health which also owns and operates St Anthony Summit Medical Center in Frisco. The Hospital is located at 340 Peak One Drive, Frisco, CO 80443. Centura Health's Federal Employer Identification Number is 84-1335382.
2. Flight For Life Colorado is a service line within Centura Health. Flight For Life currently operates 5 helicopters, 3 fixed wing aircraft, 3 critical care ground ambulances and 1 ALS/BLS ambulance as of this application in the following cities: Lakewood, Frisco, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Durango.

The current contact information for the management team is as follows:

Base Manager:

Peter Werlin  
340 Peak One Drive  
Frisco, CO 80443  
970-668-2816

Program Director:

Kathleen Mayer  
11600 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pl  
Lakewood, CO 80228  
720-321-3911

3. Flight For Life Colorado currently operates a single ambulance in Summit County and it is only utilized in situations when the helicopter cannot fly. It meets or exceeds all state and federal requirements for ambulance design and construction and is

inspected on a yearly basis in accordance with State EMS Regulations. Ambulance specifics are listed below.

Designator: CCT9 Terra 2  
Year/make: 2017 Ford  
Model: Type 1 Lifeline 4x4  
Vin#: 1FDUF4HT4HDA08091  
License Plate: 113ZZV  
Color Scheme: Orange with reflective yellow and red  
Insignia: Flight For Life Colorado  
Years in Service: 2

4. The ambulance operates from the garage attached to the hanger at the hospital in Frisco. The hanger address is:

320 Peak One Drive  
Frisco, CO 80443

5. The Medical Directors of Flight For Life Colorado are:

Brian Shields, MD  
Flight For Life North State Medical Director  
St Anthony Hospital  
11600 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pl  
Lakewood, CO 80228  
CO License # 0034182  
720-321-3911

Mike Brunko, MD  
Flight For Life State Wide Medical Director  
St Anthony Hospital  
11600W. 2<sup>nd</sup> PI  
Lakewood, CO 80228  
CO License # 20609  
720-321-3911

6. The primary service area for the Flight For Life Critical Care Ambulance based in Frisco includes: Summit, Eagle, Lake and Grand counties.
7. The Flight For Life Critical Care Ambulance provides service when the helicopter is unable to accomplish the mission at hand. An EMT is supplied from the Summit Fire & EMS and in conjunction with the on-duty flight crew the ambulance is staffed on a call to call basis. In the future, should the need arise there will be a plan to staff an ALS/BLS ambulance. The patient population is pediatric and adult, with critical injuries and/or illnesses. Flight For Life transports patients without regard for their ability to pay.
8. Flight For Life's Critical Care Ambulances are primarily designated to provide transfer services from one healthcare facility to another. These include Ski Area Clinics, other emergency clinics and hospitals within the service area.
9. Flight For Life Colorado's ambulance fee schedule is listed below:

Terra 2 ground base rate A: \$3,676

Terra 2 ground base rate B: \$4,159

Per loaded mile charge: \$40.30

BLS base rate: \$1,321

Per loaded mile charge: \$40.30

ALS base rate: \$1,900

Per loaded mile charge: \$40.30

10. A list of all medical crew members employed by Flight For Life Colorado and copies of their required nursing licenses, paramedic certificates, continuing education documents, driver's licenses and passports are updated and maintained at the Flight For Life Colorado office at the St Anthony Hospital in Lakewood.
11. Flight For Life Ambulances are insured through ACE American Insurance Company via a "Commercially Insured Fleet" Policy. A copy of the coverage is maintained in each ambulance. Insurance card and vehicle registration are attached as Appendix A and B.
12. A copy of the patient care guidelines used by Flight For Life Colorado is in each ambulance and also available at St. Anthony Summit Medical Center in the Flight For Life Office.
13. Flight For Life Colorado has a rigorous new hire training program and an extensive continuing education program. All documentation is maintained in the main office at St Anthony Hospital in Lakewood and the company uses an online program called Ninth Brain to collect, maintain and manage all training and education records.

## Attachment A



Attachment A.  
Insurance info.pdf

## Attachment B: Registration



Attachment B.  
Registration.pdf

## Attachment C: Medical Director Attestation



Medical Director  
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