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Dear Ms. Lopez,

On behalf of the Air Medical Transport Advisory Committee (AMTAC), we are writing to address the recently proposed air medical transport rule 7.27.5.15. AMTAC appreciates the Department's ongoing efforts to ensure safe and efficient air medical transport services across New Mexico.

AMTAC would like to propose that services or circumstances failing to comply with the provisions outlined in rule 7.27.5.15 be subject to evaluation by a Performance Improvement (PI) committee established under AMTAC. This proposed PI committee will be comprised of representatives from multiple entities and stakeholders, ensuring a fair and unbiased evaluation process.

Additionally, AMTAC is opposed to the Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) being assigned to evaluate circumstances or services that have failed to comply. AMTAC believes this could introduce potential bias or reflect a lack of in-depth understanding of the air medical transport industry. As such, we recommend that such evaluations remain under the purview of the proposed Performance Improvement committee to ensure objective and informed review.

We believe this approach will support continuous quality improvement and enhance accountability within the air medical transport system, aligning with the Department's mission to promote health and safety for all New Mexicans.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and collaborate on the effective implementation of this rule.

Sincerely,

My Ha, Chair
Kenneth Hawley, Co-Chair
Air Medical Transport Advisory Committee (AMTAC)

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