

**1. A follow-up question was posed about interfacility transports. The question is whether a medical facility could transport a current patient, who is experiencing an emergency, to another medical facility, without calling dispatch and having the exclusive franchisee for emergency medical services provide the transport?**

The Saline County EMS Board interprets the exclusive franchise for emergency medical services to be transport for those calls routed through dispatch.

As an example, the Saline County EMS Board believes an individual could always drive themselves or have a family member drive them to the ER without violating the exclusive franchise agreement. The same thought process would apply for a medical facility. If they so choose, a hospital could transport a current in-patient patient, at their **own** facility, to another medical facility, whether it is an emergency or non-emergency, and not be in violation of the exclusive franchise agreement for emergency medical services.