

1. Did the run volume in the heat map you provided include calls for transfers from Saline Memorial Hospital?

The heat map was only for emergency medical transport, and did not include transfers to/from Saline Memorial Hospital.

2. How many current runs are a result of transfers originating from Saline Memorial?

In 2020 Medtran conducted 2028 transfers in total, with 1511 originating from Saline Memorial Hospital.

3. If the hospital(s) (as noted in the most recent clarification) can continue to do their own transfers regardless of the RFP award, can they also continue to provide services under other existing contracts they may have with nursing homes, hospice centers, etc. if they are not awarded the RFP/contract?

Yes. Contracts regarding transfers will be the responsibility of the hospital or medical facility requesting transport and the entity that they elect to use, independent of the exclusive franchise for emergency medical services issued by the Saline County EMS Board. This is because the Saline County EMS Board solely has the power to grant an exclusive franchise for emergency medical services, including ambulances, not non-emergency transportation.

As further clarification from the Saline County EMS' Board previous responses, the Board believes it might be useful to provide more detail on how it arrived at emergency medical services vs. nonemergency medical services.

The Saline County EMS Board's ability to issue an exclusive franchise for emergency medical services is authorized pursuant to the Ambulance Licensing Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-266-101 et seq. Ark. Code Ann. § 14-266-103 provides the relevant definitions:

- (1) "Emergency medical services" means the transportation and emergency medical services personnel care provided to the critically ill or injured before arrival at a medical facility by licensed emergency medical services personnel and within a medical facility subject to the individual approval of the medical staff and governing board of that facility; and
- (2)(A) "Nonemergency ambulance services" means the transport in a motor vehicle to or from medical facilities, including without limitation hospitals, nursing homes, physicians' offices, and other healthcare facilities of persons who are infirm or injured and who are transported in a reclining position.
- (B) "Nonemergency ambulance services" does not include transportation provided by licensed hospitals that own and operate the ambulance for their own admitted patients.