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**2023 Wisconsin Act 176**  
[2023 Assembly Bill 224]

**Ambulance Staffing on Aircraft  
Transporting a Pediatric Patient  
Between Hospitals**

### BACKGROUND

State law requires certain combinations of individuals to be present when a sick, disabled, or injured individual is transported by ambulance. The law specifies multiple options for combinations of individuals to staff the ambulance. One of the options is available only if the ambulance is a fixed-wing airplane and the sick, disabled, or injured individual is a pediatric patient who is being transferred from one hospital to another hospital.

### 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 176

2023 Wisconsin Act 176 authorizes a certain ambulance staffing combination option for an ambulance that is an aircraft, rather than a fixed-wing airplane. Specifically, if an ambulance is an aircraft and the sick, disabled, or injured individual is a pediatric patient who is being transferred from one hospital to another hospital, then one option for a combination of individuals who must be present in the ambulance is one emergency medical services practitioner, licensed registered nurse, licensed physician assistant or physician, plus one certified respiratory care practitioner.

**Effective date:** March 24, 2024

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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