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CHIEF FLIGHT NURSE

GENERAL INTENT

The Chief Flight Nurse manages all aspects of the Air Ambulance Program including planning, organizing, coordinating, supervising and evaluating operational components. Positions classified at this level function as a liaison between service delivery, Government Air Services and the Department.

FACTORS

COMPLEXITY

Skills/Expertise Required

- Registered Nurse with additional education in intensive care/emergency room nursing from a recognized institution.
- Minimum 3 years intensive care/emergency room experience.
- Member in good standing with the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM).
- Excellent leadership skills.
- Completion of the Manitoba Air Ambulance training program.
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor certification.
- Basic Trauma Life Support or Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum certification.
- Canadian Advanced Aeromedical Training Course (CAATS)
- Restricted air radio operator's license.
- Valid driver's license.
- Ability to successfully develop and deliver training programs.

Nature of the Supervisory Function

Position supervises, coordinates and organizes the medical day-to-day operation of the emergency aeromedical transport service, ensures administrative and emergency staffing backup and prepares shift schedules and work assignments. Other elements include participating in hiring of staff, staff supervision, staff development, conducting performance appraisals and recommending disciplinary action, as well as conducting air ambulance inspections with a team on behalf of the Ministry.

Originality

Position recommends improvements to the Lifeflight Program, including all air transport systems, assists with updating and revising medical care protocols and ensures appropriate community outreach, communication with stakeholders and public relations are handled appropriately. Provides advice to the Department regarding air ambulance issues.

Variety

Position develops and monitors policies, procedures and nursing care standards; coordinates research and reports on air ambulance trends and developments; develops, implements and maintains aeromedical training programs; performs administrative responsibilities related to the Program such as developing and maintaining statistics, annual activity reports and the program budget; evaluates and recommends approval or denial of charter requests; audits patient transport charts; advises the Department on the inspection of the basic air ambulance services; and performs flight nurse duties as required.

OTHER LEVEL DETERMINANTS

Contacts

Contacts include internal staff and individuals at the Director and Registrar levels as well as external groups including medical, nursing, dispatch and aviation personnel. Position represents Lifeflight as a member of the provincial Air Ambulance Liaison Committee and Manitoba Emergency Services Medical Advisory Committee.