

factors should be considered when arranging interfacility transfer including the wide variation, capability and availability of air and ground EMS agencies, the patient's clinical condition, the timing and distance of transportation and level of care required during transportation. The transporting EMS agency will be notified of the transfer request and respond within the agreed upon timeframe.

VI. EMS CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT

The color-coded transfer designation will align patient requirements with EMS capability, reduce risk exposure and ensure the health and safety of the patient during transportation.

Implementation of the proposed communication framework will require the EMS capability to be properly assessed and assigned a transfer capability color. The most effective path forward will require an EMS capability survey and audit. The audit can be a 'self' audit with agreement by the RAC-G Interfacility Transfer Task Force.

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