

28 **26-8a-602. Interfacility transportation of behavioral health unit and basic life**
 29 **support patients.**

30 (1) As used in this section:

31 (a) "Basic life support patient" means a patient admitted into a hospital emergency
 32 room, medical unit, or other hospital unit that:

33 (i) has stable vital signs;

34 (ii) does not have an IV in place;

35 (iii) has no advanced life support medications that will be required for monitoring or
 36 administering during transport; and

37 (iv) does not require chemical or physical restraints.

38 (b) "Provider" means a ground ambulance or paramedic licensed under this chapter.

39 (2) A provider may refuse or delay a request for interfacility transportation if:

40 (a) the request is for the transportation of a basic life support patient;

41 (b) the request is made between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; and

42 (c) (i) the request is for a route that, at the time of the request, would require more than
 43 30 miles of driving, as calculated from the patient's originating site to the patient's destination
 44 site;

45 (ii) staffing levels or availability of equipment at the time of a request are below the
 46 levels established by the department under Subsection (3); or

47 (iii) there are hazardous weather conditions, as defined by the department under
 48 Subsection (3).

49 (3) The department shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
 50 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:

51 (a) establish ~~H~~→ , based on the cost, quality, and access goals established under
 51a Subsection 26-8a-408(7), ←~~H~~ a level of staffing or equipment availability necessary to support the
 51b needs

52 and expectations of a political subdivision's 911 ambulance or paramedic services between the
 53 hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; and

54 (b) define hazardous weather conditions under which the interfacility transportation of
 55 a non-emergent basic life support patient would result in substantial risk to the patient and the
 56 provider.

57 (4) (a) Notwithstanding the requirements in Subsections 26-8a-402(5)(c) and (6)(c), a
 58 provider outside of the exclusive geographic service area may respond to a request for the