

## PATIENT TRANSPORT

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### I. CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODES

99289, 99290

### II. DESCRIPTION

Patient transport refers to physician attendance and direct face-to-face care by a physician during the interfacility transport of a critically ill or injured patient. Face-to-face care begins when the physician assumes the primary responsibility of the patient at the referring hospital/facility and ends when the receiving hospital/facility accepts responsibility for the patient's care.

### III. POLICY

Procedure(s) or service(s) performed/directed by the physician before and during transport of a critically ill or injured patient is a covered benefit.

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