

One able-bodied member of the immediate family of any patient provided DoD-sponsored transportation may also be provided DoD-sponsored transportation as a nonmedical attendant and authorized to accompany the patient when competent medical authority determines that a family member's presence is necessary to the patient's health and welfare. Additional family members may be allowed to accompany the patient, as an exception to policy, when necessary to the patient's health and welfare after approval by the unit commander, or Commanding Officer of the patient's MTF, and concurrence of the Director of the applicable Theater Patient Movement Requirements Center (TPMRC).

If a member of the immediate family is not available, another adult may accompany the patient in nonmedical attendant status on determination of need and written justification. Children are not eligible for nonmedical attendant status. The only exception are those breast-feeding infants traveling with their mothers and those children accompanying a family member with an immediate life-threatening condition who is traveling to undergo a potentially life-threatening surgical procedure (e.g. cardiothoracic or brain surgery).