

Communication Summary

3/9/2020

Information from: Mr. David Keenan, FAA AVP 100



Summary & Factual Information: Mr. Keenan was asked to confirm the findings the FAA had in reference to a segment of a medical flight on June 24, 2019. He in part, advised that the helicopter was coupled to the autopilot during the flight and the pilot momentarily “dozed” off while the helicopter was approaching the hospital helipad which resulted in an overflight of the hospital.

About 0334, the flight nurse noticed that the helicopter was passing the hospital and was not descending. After trying unsuccessfully to reach the pilot, she shouted to ask if he is alright. The pilot responded that he is o.k., and answered that he is landing at the sending facility helipad. The nurse informed him that they had passed the hospital.

I can attest that the above summary is correct to the best of my knowledge:

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