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The new Mercy Air Med helicopter lands at a secondary helipad near Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa on Friday. (Arian Schuessler/The Globe Gazette)

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MASON CITY — A new Mercy Air Med helicopter for Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa has arrived and has been transporting patients since Tuesday, Patti Peterson, RN, director of the Emergency Department at Mercy-North Iowa, said Friday.

The helicopter is a Bell 407, the same model as Mercy's previous helicopter. It is provided by Med-Trans Corp. of Dallas, Texas, the company with which Mercy contracts for its helicopter

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Mercy-North Iowa's medical helicopter transportation service resumed Feb. 12 with a temporary helicopter provided by Med-Trans.

Since its arrival March 21, the flight crew and pilots have been training in the new helicopter, Peterson said.

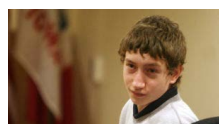
The hospital had been without a permanent helicopter since the Jan. 2 Air Med crash in which the three-member flight crew was killed.

— By Kristin Buehner

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