

# Flight nurse and her crew offer critical care throughout the region

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Julia Azua, 55, of Albuquerque, is a flight nurse and vice president over the clinical side of the medical flight services department for CSI Aviation.

Based at the Albuquerque International Sunport, CSI Aviation can transport patients anywhere in the Four Corners area and parts of Texas, and does so multiple times a day.

When on the plane, medical staff is equipped to practice at a critical care level, similar to a mobile intensive care unit.

Azua said she loves taking care of the community.

“There is such a need,” she explained. “We are such a rural state. And we have such a lot of very small resource capability throughout the state of New Mexico. A lot of critical access facilities, and facilities that have to bring patients to a higher level of care.”

As she was talking to the Journal on Monday, Azua and her crew boarded a plane to Taos to transport a patient.