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Premier Jets-Lifeguard Air Ambulance is awarded NAAMTA Accreditation

Hillsboro, OR – 21 April 2018 – NAAMTA's Accreditation program is built on standards that focus on quality patient care and transport safety. Using a comprehensive audit of administrative documentation, medical practices, and facilities, <u>NAAMTA</u> is awarding <u>Premier Jets-Lifeguard Air Ambulance</u> accreditation for their medical transport program.

Premier Jets-Lifeguard Air Ambulance demonstrates compliance to each of the defined standards, excels in identifying best practice procedures, and instills these values in their employees. NAAMTA verified compliance through employee interviews, process reviews, and on-site evaluations, all of which were conducted using <u>ISO 9001:2015</u> auditing guidelines.

Ron Levesque, Premier Jets-Lifeguard Air Ambulance General Manager, commented on NAAMTA's accreditation processes stating, "we appreciated the professionalism of the auditors, their thoroughness and the attention to detail. We used the application process as an opportunity to perform a self-assessment to verify our quality and safety systems and determine the alignment of our operations and how they fulfil the measurement of compliance to the NAAMTA Standards."

Mr. Levesque continued to say that "as the accreditation process began, we readily identified NAAMTA's strong suit is that NAAMTA's employee/auditors, know their business, the importance of having high-quality standards and verifying compliance to these standards. Unmatched by other accreditation organizations, their streamlined accreditation process approach, provided us the confirmation of quality and safety within our policies and identified opportunities for improvements."

Lisa Gee, a member of the NAAMTA auditing team said, "One of the things that I noticed about Lifeguard Air Ambulance is their emphasis on training. I was especially impressed with the over water emergency training that was completed a local pool to ensure that flight crews were equipped to handle over water emergencies. This dedication to detail is exemplar and demonstrates an emphasis on safety."

In addition to the accreditation award, Premier Jets-Lifeguard Air Ambulance joins the NAAMTA Alliance. This alliance unifies accredited organizations in the promotion of continuous improvement in safety and patient care. Continuous improvement is the result of shared education, experience and quality management principles by Alliance members. NAAMTA salutes Premier





Jets-Lifeguard Air Ambulance for their proactive approach in achieving accreditation and looks forward to the contributions they will share with the NAAMTA Alliance.

About NAAMTA

NAAMTA is an accreditation standard-bearer for the medical transport industry, offering procedures that include guidelines for developing a system focused on transport safety, patient care, quality management, and continuous improvement. NAAMTA is globally recognized for its ISO 9001:2015 QMS certification and the implementation of quality practices in their accreditation program. NAAMTA's certified quality management system is audited annually by PRI Registrar which is an ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board-approved Registrar accredited to certify organizations to a variety of management systems including ISO 9001.

NAAMTA has successfully made great strides in identifying key best practices to improve the standard of performance among EMS providers at the national and global levels. Through a dynamic approach to auditing and a vast array of web-based reporting and learning tools for members, NAAMTA distinguishes itself as an accreditation source interested in providing services to their members and work toward the improvement of medical transportation practices.

About Premier Jets-Lifeguard Air Ambulance

Premier Jets specializes in worldwide service, and has experience visiting nearly every part of the world providing charter, cargo and medical transport flights. Premier Jets-Lifeguard Air Ambulance specializes in providing professional, safe, and cost effective medical transport to all six continents, and the Pacific Islands, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. With specially configured aircraft, Premier Jets-Lifeguard Air Ambulance is capable of traveling 2200 miles non-stop. This range allows for transports in the continental US, Mexico, and Canada, Hawaii, the South Pacific, Asia, and Europe.

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