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Life Flight Network Achieves NAAMTA Global Medical Transport Accreditation

Aurora, OR –9 August 2019 – <u>Life Flight Network</u>, the largest not-for-profit air medical transport service in the United States, has been awarded accreditation renewal by the National Accreditation Alliance of Medical Transport Applications (NAAMTA) for its ground, fixed-wing, and rotor-wing medical transport services. As part of the accreditation process, NAAMTA conducted a comprehensive evaluation of Life Flight Network's policies and practices related to patient care and safety. Life Flight Network has maintained NAAMTA accreditation since 2016.

Roylen Griffin, Executive Director at NAAMTA Global stated: "We are proud to have Life Flight Network as an ongoing and active member of the NAAMTA Alliance. The dedication and time involved in this process show Life Flight Network's determination to excel in quality patient care and transport safety."

<u>NAAMTA Global</u> accreditation is the result of compliance with standards that focus on safety and quality patient care. Life Flight Network was able to demonstrate compliance to each of the defined standards, identify best practice procedures, and demonstrate a culture of safety and teamwork. NAAMTA found their compliance to be evident through process reviews, employee interviews, and on-site evaluations, all of which were conducted using <u>ISO 9001:2015</u> auditing guidelines.

As a result of accreditation renewal, Life Flight Network being an exemplary NAAMTA Global Alliance member, continues to enjoy all associated benefits. The NAAMTA Alliance unifies accredited organizations in the promotion of continuous improvement. NAAMTA salutes Life Flight Network for achieving accreditation and looks forward to the contributions they will share with the NAAMTA Alliance.

"Safety and patient care are our top priorities," said Life Flight Network CEO Michael Griffiths. "We are uncompromising in our adherence to the highest safety and quality care standards, and our accreditation by NAAMTA is an illustration of that commitment."

Life Flight Network's focus on safety and high-quality medical care are evidenced by in-house expertise and staffing that exceed industry norms. That includes a full-time medical director as well as associate medical directors with expertise in neonatology, pediatric critical care, high-risk obstetrics, traumatology, cardiology, pulmonology, adult critical care, and emergency medicine. Life Flight Network also employs an in-house flight operations quality assurance manager and a full-time dedicated expert in safety and risk management.

About NAAMTA Global

NAAMTA Global is a worldwide 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 Global is recognized around the world for its ISO 9001:2015 QMS certification and the implementation of quality practices in its accreditation program. NAAMTA's certified QMS is audited annually by PRI Registrar, an ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board-approved Registrar.

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

About Life Flight Network

Life Flight Network, a not-for-profit air medical service, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems and the National Accreditation Alliance of Medical Transport Applications (NAAMTA). Life Flight Network is the largest not-for-profit air medical transport service in the United States. It offers ICU-level care during air transport across Pacific Northwest, Intermountain West, and Alaska. Life Flight Network is headquartered in Aurora, Oregon. For more information about Life Flight Network or to become a member, visit www.lifeflight.org.

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