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MedCenter Air helicopter departing.



A Partnership That Flies Members To Their Hospital Of Choice

Carolinas HealthCare System is partnering with Birmingham-based Air Ambulance Card, LLC, to provide air ambulance transport for members who enroll through MedCenter Air. Members who are sick or injured 150 miles or more from home, domestically or internationally, will be flown to their hospital of choice aboard a dedicated medical airplane. MedCenter Air will be the provider of choice for members through the partnership.

"We know patients want to be treated at their hometown hospital, no matter where they get sick or injured," said Jason Schwebach, assistant vice-president of Carolinas HealthCare System. "When we can send our jet and staff to pick them up and fly them home for treatment, it's a win for us, a win for the receiving hospital and a win for the patient."

Most health insurance policies will not transport patients to the hospital of their choice. Air Ambulance Card memberships are available to residents of the U.S. and Canada at \$195 per year for individuals and \$295 per year for families. MedCenter Air offers comprehensive critical care transport services through a growing fleet of fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters and ground ambulances. All are custom-equipped and staffed with highly-

trained medical and aviation specialists.

"Membership in Air Ambulance Card eliminates concerns about the high cost of a medical flight. International flights can cost as much as \$150,000. Members can come home to the Carolinas aboard a MedCenter Air jet and never receive a bill for the transport," said Stan Bradley, managing director of Air Ambulance Card.

MedCenter Air is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems. For more information on Air Ambulance Card, visit www.AirAmbulanceCard.com/MCA.



MedCenter Air transports members to their hospital of choice.



Joining Forces



MedCenter Air and Mobile Intensive Care Unit joins to provide better care for critically ill patients.

MedCenter Air and the Mobile Intensive Care Unit at Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast have recently joined efforts to provide better care for critically ill patients in Charlotte and surrounding areas. Previously operating as separate entities, both have begun the process of working together to streamline and improve critical care transport protocols.

MedCenter Air began standardization, in August, by dispatching crews from CMC-NorthEast and allowing them access to the MedCenter Air data system. The next step is to begin standardization of equipment such as IV pumps, etc.

The community has benefitted greatly with the addition of the CMC-NorthEast transport team. Resources are first triaged to the patients most in need, ensuring quicker arrival time for critically ill patients.



EMS crews assist MedCenter Air with loading a scene call victim.



MedCenter Air Ambulance at Children's Museum

When Jaime Crum became a firefighter for the city of Rock Hill in 2005, she was based at Station One, the oldest standing firehouse in the city and home to a 1924 LaFrance fire truck. Shortly after Jamie started, it was announced that Station One was being replaced with a newer building in a different location. Knowing the LaFrance would probably no longer have a home; Jaime went to work on ideas to preserve the brick firehouse and antique fire truck.

With the assistance of Chief Blackmon and co-workers, a plan to establish Rock Hill Children's Fire Prevention Museum was developed. The museum would allow Rock Hill Fire Department to maintain the use of Station One and store, maintain and exhibit the LaFrance fire truck. It would also enable the community to learn more about the history of fire service and provide fire prevention

education.

Firefighters sold pizza at local festivals, scrapped metal and solicited donations to create exhibits within the museum. They designed and built many of the exhibits, including a fire pole for children, a crawl area to simulate escaping a fire, a miniature fire safety house and information station. Rock Hill Fire Department also enlisted the help of MedCenter Air, which donated a retired ambulance to the museum. The ambulance has been placed on the outside of the bay doors as if traveling to a call.

Thanks to the dedication of many local firefighters and MedCenter Air crew, Rock Hill Children's Fire Prevention Museum will thrive in the community for many years to come.

