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**REACH Air Medical Services Opens Murrieta Base
24/7 Air Medical Transport Service Now Available in Community**

Murrieta, CA / April 13, 2017 – REACH Air Medical Services has begun round the clock air medical operations from their new base at the French Valley Airport in Murrieta, California. REACH provides air medical flights to patients needing rapid transport and critical care, responding to trauma calls from the 911 emergency services system and calls from hospitals needing patients transported to another facility for care.

The Murrieta base is staffed 24/7 with a critical care transport team consisting of a Flight Pilot, a Flight Nurse and a Flight Paramedic. The highly skilled clinicians provide an ICU level of care to patients throughout their transport. The helicopter chosen to serve this area is an AirBus H135 (formerly known as the Airbus EC135), with dual engines that can fly at airspeeds up to 150 miles per hour. The aircraft comes equipped with the latest safety features, including night vision goggles, which allow the crew to fly in limited light operations. The aircraft has the capacity to transport the patient, flight crew, and whenever possible, a family member.

“Having a local air ambulance allows us quicker response times to be at a patient’s side. When minutes matter, this is invaluable,” shared REACH Director of Business Strategy, Don Wharton, who joined the company nearly 10 years ago as a pilot. “Having this base here in the French Valley community is a win for everyone. The community gets a vital air medical resource, hospitals and EMS crews get a dependable partner to help with their patient’s care, and we get to work, live, and play here.”

Residents may be unaware that REACH is a provider to AirMedCare Network (AMCN), the nation’s largest air medical transport membership program, with more than 2.6 million members. When transported by REACH, AMCN members pay no out of pocket costs for a medically necessary flight. Membership is just \$65 a year for an entire household. In addition to covering flight costs for REACH, membership extends to AMCN’s 260 base locations across 32 states.

This year marks 30 years of service by REACH Air Medical Services. In that time, REACH has grown and acquired other air programs. Under REACH Medical Holdings, which includes REACH, CALSTAR Air Medical Services, Cal-Ore Life Flight and Sierra Lifeflight, the company now has 43 helicopter and airplane bases serving patients in seven states. If you include their seven vended programs, where REACH provides the pilot, maintenance technicians and aircraft, that number jumps to 50. To date, REACH has transported more than 110,000 patients to needed care.

Mr. Wharton has seen REACH from many sides and will always be fond of his role as pilot, “The helicopters get all the attention,” he shared, “But what we really provide is patient care.”



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About REACH Air Medical Services

REACH Air Medical Services, Cal-Ore Life Flight, and CALSTAR Air Medical Services are air medical programs operated by REACH Medical Holdings, LLC, headquartered in Santa Rosa, CA. The company provides critical care air and ground transport services to communities throughout California, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming and Texas. REACH has provided safe, patient-centered care for more than 30 years and successfully transported more than 110,000 patients to needed care. REACH employs hundreds of highly trained nurses, medics, pilots and aircraft maintenance technicians to provide service to patients utilizing a fleet of medically equipped helicopters, airplanes, and ground ambulances. The Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Services has accredited REACH since 1998. CAMTS accreditation is the gold standard for patient care and safety for air medical transport services. For more information, visit www.REACHair.com.

About AirMedCare Network

REACH Air Medical Services, Cal-Ore Life Flight, and CALSTAR Air Medical Services are providers to the AirMedCare Network, America's largest air medical transport membership network, providing emergency access to the highest level of care for its more than 2.6 million members. The AirMedCare Network membership program offers service from more than 260 air base locations in 32 states. For more information, visit www.AirMedCareNetwork.com.

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