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Christiana Care's air medical transport receives full accreditation

Wilmington, DE – Christiana Care Health System's LifeNet flight program has received full Certification of Air Medical Transport Services (CAMTS) from the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems.

"The accreditation signifies that the program has achieved the highest standard of excellence in aero medical transport," says Howard Gant, director of LifeNet. The certification lasts for three years.

Gant says that similar to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) survey process for hospitals, surveyors painstakingly review every aspect of the flight program and make recommendations for accreditation or review. In granting the accreditation, the surveyors remarked, "You should be very proud of your program."

"This accreditation is a seal of approval and objective proof that each member of the team has contributed hard work to make this program one of the best in the country," says Linda Laskowski Jones, RN, MS, APRN, BC, CCRN, CEN, vice president of Emergency, Trauma and Aeromedical Services.

LifeNet just completed its fifth anniversary. The service has conducted more than 2,000 aero medical transports since 2001. The LifeNet medical team consists of a flight nurse and a flight paramedic experienced in patient stabilization and air medical transport. Pilots are experienced in thousands of hours of flight operations, including Emergency Medical Services operations. The helicopter's flight time to Christiana Hospital from Kent General is 15 minutes, from Milford Hospital is 22 minutes, from Beebe Hospital is 30 minutes and from Nanticoke Hospital is 33 minutes.

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Christiana Care Health System, which dates back to 1888, is one of the region's largest not-for profit health care providers, serving the people of Delaware as well as neighboring areas of Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. A teaching hospital, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services, as well as Level-I trauma care and Level-3 neonatal intensive care (both highest intensity). Christiana Care operates two hospitals, transitional care services, preventive medicine and rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physician offices and an extensive range of outpatient and home health services. Christiana Care provided \$ 25.2 million of charity care last year.



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