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REACH Air Medical Partners with Methodist Healthcare to Launch Air Transport Service

SANTA ROSA, CA – November 3, 2009 – REACH Air Medical Services (REACH) announces the launch of Methodist AirCare, an emergency air transport service that provides life-saving 24/7 emergency helicopter service to residents located throughout Bexar County, Texas and most of South Texas. The service is a partnership between REACH and Methodist Healthcare, and will ensure the most effective use of resources and optimal patient care for residents. The state-of-the-art EC-135 helicopter and staff will be housed at Methodist Stone Oak Hospital.

REACH was chosen as Methodist's partner due in part to its extensive experience in emergency air transport. REACH Air Medical Services is well established and experienced, with bases throughout California and Oregon. REACH has performed more than 50,000 air ambulance missions since its inception in 1987.

"Methodist Healthcare is an outstanding partner and provider and REACH is pleased and proud to be a partner in enriching and extending their already-excellent care network," said Jim Adams, CEO of REACH Air Medical Services. "Collaborations of this quality greatly benefit the communities we serve."

"Methodist Healthcare has a history of providing quality care to the residents of South Texas. We are now making it more convenient to rapidly transport patients from rural locales to a Methodist Healthcare facility," stated Geoffrey Crabtree, senior vice president for Methodist Healthcare. "One call can summon a state-of-the-art emergency

medical transport helicopter piloted and staffed by a team of highly trained specialists. Methodist AirCare is at the community's call 24/7/365," added Crabtree.

Methodist has had formalized specialty transport teams in place for more than 15 years and will begin by dedicating the helicopter to these teams at the start of service. Soon after, Methodist AirCare will evolve to 9-1-1 trauma and adult transports to complete the spectrum of air transport care. The bright yellow helicopter and its crew will be housed at Methodist Stone Oak Hospital, the newest Methodist Healthcare facility.

"The staff and doctors at Methodist Stone Oak Hospital are pleased that REACH was chosen for this new transport service," continued Adams. "South Texas is experiencing growth and there is a definite need for 24-hour air transport service for the residents of this area. We look forward to serving this community and providing this valuable resource."

About REACH Air Medical Services

REACH Air Medical Services, headquartered in Santa Rosa, California, supports operations from 12 bases in California, Oregon and Texas. REACH provides air medical transport services utilizing rotor- (helicopter) and fixed-wing (airplane) aircraft regionally and nationally and has performed more than 50,000 air ambulance missions since its inception in 1987. REACH has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Services (CAMTS) since 1998. For more information, visit www.REACHair.com.

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