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Harding County, Board of Commissioners Approve Emergency Air Medical Membership Agreement with PHI Cares

HARDING COUNTY, NM, January 1, 2024 – The Harding County Commissioners have officially approved a significant emergency air medical transportation agreement with PHI Cares, a division of PHI Medical. This partnership ensures air medical transport benefits for all residents within Harding County, New Mexico.

The agreement, effective from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, stipulates that residents transported by either a PHI Air Medical or Rico Aviation aircraft from Harding County or its adjacent counties will incur no additional out-of-pocket expenses.

Key Benefits and Enrollment Details:

- No extra costs for emergency air medical transportation under PHI Cares membership when transported within the specified coverage area.
- In emergencies, residents should first contact 911, then inform PHI Cares at 1.888.I.Fly.PHI (1.888.435.9744) with membership number #26725 and transport details. Residents are encouraged to pick up their membership card at one of the designated distribution locations.
- Harding County residents are exclusively offered the opportunity to upgrade their PHI Cares Membership to National Household Coverage for 1, 3, or 5 years, at a special annual rate of \$30 per household. To obtain this upgraded membership, residents can either call 1-855-726-9366 or visit www.phicares.com and use the discount code HARDINGUPGRADE.

Membership Card Distribution Locations:

• Harding County Managers Office 35 Pine Street Mosquero, NM 87733 Monday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM

For more information, visit <u>www.phicares.com</u> or <u>www.PHIAirMedical.com</u>. Inquiries can be directed to <u>membership@PHIAirMedical.com</u> or 855-726-9366, referencing the "Harding County Resident" Membership program.

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About PHI Air Medical

PHI Air Medical is a leading air medical transport provider, operating over 80 air medical bases in the nation. These bases provide outreach education to local communities and healthcare systems across the nation. Safely transporting more than 30,000 patients each year, each PHI Air Medical base maintains a crew of highly trained pilots, flight nurses, and paramedics – prepared to respond to emergency medical transport requests.

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