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LETTER OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES COMMISSION**

AND

**GOVERNMENT OF YUKON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**


REGARDING: MEDICAL EMERGENCY AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES


The Yukon government provides ambulance service in the Yukon and wishes to ensure that critically ill patients within the territory who require emergency transport to a higher level of care outside the Yukon will receive the appropriate services.

To ensure delivery of the appropriate level of care, the Director, Insured Health Services, Government of Yukon and the Executive Officer of the British Columbia Emergency Health Services Commission have entered into an agreement where inter-hospital transportation will be provided on behalf of the Yukon Government by the British Columbia Ambulance Service in accordance with the terms of this agreement (Schedule A, B and C).

The agreement contains the basic principles required to facilitate service delivery and payment for the costs of providing the service.

The parties further agree that this agreement will be effective April 1, 2000 and will continue until either party serves notice to cancel with a minimum of three months notice.


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Dated: May 18, 2000

SCHEDULE A - SERVICES

The Government of the Yukon Territory and the British Columbia Emergency Health Services Commission agree to the following terms:

The Emergency Health Services Commission (EHSC) may receive a request from the Yukon authority to provide inter-hospital transportation by air ambulance of critically ill patients from locations within the Yukon to locations both within and outside the Yukon.

The Yukon authority will make requests to transport adults through the BCAS Provincial Air Ambulance Co-ordination Centre (PAACC) and in consultation with BCAS Critical Care Transport Advisors. Arrangements to transport patients requiring neonatal, paediatric or maternal care will be made in consultation with transport advisors at BC Women's and Children's Hospital.

The Yukon agrees to provide at a minimum the following information when requesting service:

1. patient name and location,
2. the destination of the patient,
3. medical condition of the patient,

and

4. confirmation that the receiving hospital has accepted the patient,
5. contact names at the sending and receiving hospitals.

The Yukon agrees to provide all ground transportation in the Yukon deemed necessary by PAACC to ensure patient transport is not delayed.

The EHSC agrees that at the request of the Yukon, and when it is able to do so, the BCAS will arrange to:

- Provide an air ambulance.
- Ensure the air ambulance is staffed with at least two paramedics qualified to meet the medical requirements of the patient to be transported in accordance with EHSC standards and when necessary, other qualified medical personnel as may be required.
- Ensure that each air ambulance is equipped with the medical equipment and supplies in accordance with EHSC standards.
- Ensure that if the request is accepted, the air ambulance and paramedics are capable of departing their base within the time required by the Yukon health authority.

SCHEDULE B - FEES AND EXPENSES

The Yukon agrees to pay the EHSC in accordance with the following Table of Rates and Charges for each air ambulance service provided by the BCAS under the terms of this agreement. Calls cancelled after service providers have been dispatched will also be invoiced according to the table.

The Yukon and EHSC agree to review the rates on an annual basis and to implement adjustments to the rates as required to ensure recovery of actual costs incurred by the BCAS.

Table of Rates and Charges:

1. **Air Carrier Costs:** Total amount billed to the BCAS by the carrier for the particular flight (direct cost) in accordance with their current agreement. In addition, a share of the carriers monthly stand-by fees will be included based on the proportion of the direct costs invoiced under this agreement and the total direct costs invoiced by the carrier to BCAS for the period.
2. **Patient Ground Transportation:** \$400 for each transport in BC.
3. **Paramedics:** \$200 an hour for two paramedics calculated from the time they leave their base to the time they return to base. The amount includes ground transportation in BC from their base to the airport and return and all medical supplies.
4. **Living Expenses:** In accordance with the Province of BC travel policies and rates, expenses incurred when paramedics are required to layover in the course of delivering service.
5. **Physician Escorts:** In accordance with a separate agreement between the Yukon Health Authority and the Medical Services Plan of BC

Charges to the Yukon Government made under items 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be summarized and invoiced by BCAS on a monthly basis.

SCHEDULE C: INDEMNITY

The Yukon will indemnify and save harmless the Province of British Columbia, its employees and agents, from and against any and all losses, claims damages, actions, causes of action, costs and expenses that the Province of British Columbia may sustain, incur, suffer or be put to at any time either before or after termination of this agreement, where the same or any of them are based upon, arise out of or occur, directly or indirectly, as a result of the provision of ambulance services, air ambulance or otherwise, pursuant to this agreement, excepting always liability arising out of the independent negligent acts of the Province of British Columbia.