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Oahu Based Air Ambulance Provider Introduces Dedicated Inter- Island Aircraft

HONOLULU, HI, August 14, 2025 – Optimum AIR, a trusted leader and NAAMTA-accredited provider of critical care medical transportation, is excited to announce the expansion of services in Hawaii with the addition of a Pilatus PC-12 air ambulance aircraft. This additional dedicated resource will provide safe and reliable inter-island medical transportation for patients across Hawaii, building on the success of its long-range medevac program launched in 2023.

The Pilatus PC-12 is a highly capable aircraft equipped with modern avionics, advanced weather radar, and was designed for use on short and even unimproved runways, making it perfect for those smaller airports on islands like Molokai or Lanai. The aircraft offers a spacious cabin that has undergone a mission-specific retrofit to include installation of an FAA-approved aeromedical stretcher and patient loading system.

A standout feature of the PC-12 is its 4.2 ft wide cargo door, which has made the aircraft a popular choice for medical transportation providers worldwide. This oversized door enables us to quickly load a wider spectrum of patient demographics along with any specialty medical equipment needed without complex maneuvering, thereby reducing stress on patients, flight, and ground crewmembers. All flights are staffed with highly trained and experienced clinical professionals, using state-of-the-art medical equipment to facilitate the delivery of high-quality care for almost any patient needs during transport.

The Pilatus PC-12 is widely used in commercial aviation with more than 2,000 total aircraft delivered supporting air ambulance, passenger, cargo, and other utility missions around the world. The PC-12 is certified for and commonly flown as a single-pilot operation; however, Optimum AIR has elected to have all flights operated with two pilots to maximize safety and mitigate common risk factors associated with single-pilot operations. All flights are operated in accordance with FAR Part 135 rules and regulations under an approved Air Carrier Certificate.

“The addition of this Pilatus PC-12 air ambulance is a game-changer for Hawaii’s communities,” said Devon Eisma, Flight Nurse, and Founder/CEO of Optimum AIR. “Since 2023, our long-range medevac program has safely transported more than 300 patients to and from Hawaii and other locations around the world. The PC-12 is an exciting addition to our Hawaii base given its proven reliability and safety record. Even though this aircraft is rated for single-pilot operations, our decision to crew with 2 pilots for all flights exemplifies our commitment to safety and providing the highest possible quality of service.”

Since launching its long-range medevac program in 2023, Optimum AIR has transported hundreds of patients to advanced medical facilities around the world. In August 2024, Optimum AIR was officially awarded accreditation by the National Accreditation Alliance of Medical Transport Applications (NAAMTA Global) for both its fixed-wing and ground ambulance services. This distinction follows a comprehensive independent review of Optimum AIR’s administrative protocols, medical practices, and transport facilities. With this

accreditation, Optimum AIR also joins the prestigious NAAMTA Alliance, a collective of accredited medical transport organizations.

The addition of this Pilatus PC-12 strengthens the core mission and allows Optimum AIR to consistently provide compassionate, high-quality medical care to the greater state of Hawaii, especially for outer-island emergencies where response times are critical.

For more information on Optimum AIR, please visit www.optimum-air.com. For flight requests please contact our 24/7 communications center at (844) 888-8911.

About Optimum AIR:

Optimum AIR was founded in 2017 by a group of clinicians with strong critical care and transport backgrounds and is a globally recognized provider of medical transportation services. The company operates regional air ambulance transportation from its Las Vegas Headquarters at the Harry Reid Int'l airport (LAS) and ground operations from a satellite location in North Las Vegas. Long-range air ambulance operations are based out of the Honolulu Int'l Airport (HNL) location where the aircraft serves as a link to the mainland for Hawaii's patient population as well as a retrieval platform for the greater Pacific Rim region. The company takes pride in being one of the few non-hospital-based transport providers with a comprehensive ECMO transport capability and has built a strong reputation for its wide-ranging clinical transport capabilities.

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