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## Hospital Partners With Medical Air Rescue Company to Provide Air Ambulance Service

Sheridan Memorial Hospital (SMH) has partnered with Medical Air Rescue Company (MARC) to bring air ambulance transportation to the Sheridan area.

Effective January 9, 2019 MARC has based a King Air C90 fixed-wing airplane at the Sheridan County Airport. The aircraft and its medical crew will be available 24/7 to transport critically ill patients to other facilities when they need a higher level of care. Patients from critical care areas within SMH will be transported to the airport via ground ambulance and then will be flown to the nearest facility able to provide care for the patient's medical condition.

According to Nyle Morgan, Chief Operating Officer at SMH, "We are pleased to enter into this relationship with MARC. It is an extremely important service for the Sheridan community so our patients will have access to the appropriate level care as fast as possible. The sooner a patient in critical condition can be transported to a facility with the appropriate level of care, the greater the likelihood that patient will have a positive outcome."

MARC is an independent company, headquartered in Rapid City, SD with satellite bases located throughout the region; Sheridan being their newest base. MARC is fully staffed 24/7, with highly trained and experienced flight teams that are committed to the communities they serve in providing rapid and reliable patient care. The hospital's agreement allows MARC to transport patients from SMH, but all aircraft, equipment and staff are owned and employed by MARC.

The fixed-wing aircraft is the first phase for emergency medical flights in and out of Sheridan. Later this year, MARC will base their first Airbus H130 helicopter at the hospital.

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