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Air Ambulance Card™ Flies Another Injured Traveler Home for Treatment

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (April 20, 2005) – A New Orleans woman is recovering at home after Birmingham-based Air Ambulance Card flew her to her hometown hospital for surgery within hours of a skiing accident in Utah.

Air Ambulance Card member Robin Benton severely injured her leg while on a ski vacation in Park City, Utah. “It was the last day of our trip, the last run down the mountain,” said Benton’s husband, Bruce Crutcher. After learning that extensive surgery would be required, the 52-year-old woman wanted to have the procedure done in her hometown of New Orleans. “She had two or three tibial fractures,” said Crutcher, “with such a delicate surgery, we didn’t want to be put in a hospital with unknown doctors.” Crutcher pulled his membership card from his wallet and placed just a single call to Air Ambulance Card. Within an hour the company had coordinated with doctors, and a jet from their worldwide network of medical aircraft was on its way to transport Benton. Within ten hours, she was seen by her orthopedic surgeon at the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans.

Without the membership, Crutcher would have paid more than \$17,000 for the same services. “They would have to pay membership fees for 59 years to equal that cost,” said Sam Jackson, president of Air Ambulance Card. “They will never pay in their lifetime as much as they received in value from their Air Ambulance Card membership.”

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For a yearly membership fee, Air Ambulance Card members are transported by fully equipped and staffed air ambulance if they are hospitalized while traveling 150 miles or more from home. The Crutchers joined the pre-paid air ambulance service last May, after a brother-in-law was injured on a bike excursion in Italy. He paid the full fee, nearly \$80,000, for a medically equipped flight back to New Orleans. "After that happened to him, we figured \$295 was a much better deal than the \$80,000 he had to pay," said Bruce Crutcher.

Air Ambulance Card™ provides travelers with hospital-to-hospital Prepaid Air Ambulance Service™ domestically and abroad. The membership program offers services for a period of one year to families or individuals, and corporate accounts. Air Ambulance Card memberships are available to residents of the U.S. and Canada and cost \$195 per year for individuals and \$295 per year for families. For more information visit www.AirAmbulanceCard.com.

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