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## **Community Health Options and LifeFlight of Maine Sign Agreement**

**Lewiston, Maine** – Community Health Options and LifeFlight of Maine announced today their collaborative partnership to provide people with quality patient care and service.

“This partnership reflects the style in which Health Options has approached its network development. Our collaborative partnership model is a launching pad for further innovation and payment reform development that in turn supports additional delivery system transformation,” noted Health Options’ CEO, Kevin Lewis. “We are very pleased to contract with LifeFlight of Maine. LifeFlight has demonstrated a superior level of patient care, quality leadership through innovation, and community service. Their vision and mission fit well with our ethos of providing quality care to Maine people.”

“This partnership shows that providers and carriers can work together to make sure people in Maine are protected and well cared for,” noted LifeFlight of Maine, Executive Director, Tom Judge. “We work with all of the major insurance carriers but we are very pleased to sign this agreement with Community Health Options because we believe they will be in our community for the long haul.”

LifeFlight of Maine has provided air ambulance services to Health Options Members since our inception,” noted Health Options’ Chief Operations Officer, Rob Hillman. “This contractual agreement provides additional structure that secures our partnership and our common commitment to provide quality care and reduce healthcare costs to promote the health and wellbeing of our members.”

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**About LifeFlight of Maine** – *LifeFlight of Maine is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit air medical and critical care transport organization. LifeFlight brings lifesaving critical care staff and equipment directly to the patient by helicopter, airplane and ground ambulance. It also provides advanced emergency medical training to Maine’s hospitals, emergency medical services (EMS) and public safety agencies. Overseen by 25 physicians, LifeFlight cared for nearly 1,800 critically ill and injured patients last year. Since its inception in 1998, LifeFlight has transported more than 22,000 patients from every hospital and nearly all of Maine’s communities and islands. Visit the website: [LifeFlightofmaine.org](http://LifeFlightofmaine.org) for more information about LifeFlight.*

**About Community Health Options** – *Community Health Options (Health Options) is a non-profit, Member-led health plan providing comprehensive, Member-focused health insurance benefits for individuals, families, and businesses. Health Options is a Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality health benefits through productive partnerships with Members, businesses, and a broad network of providers. Visit the website: [HealthOptions.org](http://HealthOptions.org) for more information about Health Options.*