

**RADIO PSA**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**

HERE IN PETERSBURG WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE OUR EVERYDAY MEDICAL NEEDS TAKEN CARE OF BY THE PHYSICIANS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AT OUR LOCAL MEDICAL CENTER.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN PATIENTS NEED TO BE TRANSPORTED TO LARGER CENTERS FOR THEIR CARE, SUCH AS FOLLOWING A TRAUMATIC INJURY OR DURING A CRITICAL ILLNESS.

HI MY NAME IS \_\_\_\_\_ AND I WORK IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT AT THE PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER.

FORTUNATELY, TWO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION OR "MEDIVAC" SERVICES OPERATE OUT OF SOUTHEAST ALASKA, INCLUDING PETERSBURG - AIRLIFT NORTHWEST AND GUARDIAN FLIGHT.

UNFORTUNATELY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION CAN BE COSTLY AND OFTEN TIMES UNDERCOMPENSATED BY STANDARD HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS. THIS CAN LEAVE PATIENTS WITH LARGE BILLS FOR MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION ON TOP OF BILLS FROM HOSPITALS AND DOCTORS.

HOWEVER, YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM LARGE "MEDICAV" BILLS BY INVESTING IN FLIGHT MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS, OFFERED BY SOME TRANSPORT COMPANIES, OR BY PURCHASING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INSURANCE. POLICIES COVERING ALASKAN HOUSEHOLDS ARE AVAILABLE AT REASONABLE COST AND TO ANYONE REGARDLESS OF PRE-EXISTING ILLNESSES, INSURANCE STATUS OR AGE. WHEN CONSIDERING FLIGHT MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS REMEMBER THAT MEMBERSHIPS ARE SERVICE SPECIFIC.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT "MEDIVAC" MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS OR INSURANCE PLANS CONTACT YOUR LOCAL INSURANCE CARRIER OR ENQUIRE DURING YOUR NEXT CLINIC VISIT.

THIS MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER AND KFSK PETERSBURG.