



Reminding all Health Care Professionals: Hope Air is here to help your patients

Hope Air is unique: it is the only national charity in Canada which arranges free air transportation to medical appointments for people in financial need. Since 1986, Hope Air has arranged flights for Canadians of all ages and illness groups: within each Province, from Province to Province and coast to coast.

How can Hope Air help your patients?

Hope Air may be able to provide **a free flight for your patient** (plus their escort if the patient is under 18 years of age) from their home community to the city of their medical appointment.

Hope Air is **not** an air ambulance. Rather, it provides flights on both commercial airlines and on private planes from rural/remote locations to “the big city” and also from major city to major city. The following will be considered by Hope Air when reviewing a flight request:

- ⊖ flying for an approved medical appointment (e.g. provincial health plan covered); and
- ⊖ patient is in financial need

How quickly can Hope Air respond to my patient’s need?

Very quickly! Hope Air wants to help as many people as possible so we do everything we can to get patients to their appointments. Advance notice ensures that we are able to get in touch with the patient’s doctors to confirm appointment and medical clearance to fly in a timely manner, but we recognize that sometimes appointments get scheduled at the last minute. Just have the patient call us and we will do everything we can to help.

What should I do with this information?

1. Spread the word – let your colleagues know about Hope Air
2. Refer patients to the Hope Air website or phone number set out below
3. Call Hope Air and ask for brochures and a bulletin board poster for your office waiting area

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