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EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATIONS: CHILDREN MAY NOW BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

Kuujuaq, June 29, 2018 – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) is pleased to learn that effective June 29, 2018, children evacuated for medical reasons by the Challenger aircraft toward tertiary centres in the south of the province can now be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian on board.

For Nunavik's 14 communities, aeromedical evacuations represent the only means to access emergency care safely, including the pediatric clientele, care to which the users are entitled. Until now, evacuations from the health centres in Kuujuaq and Puvirnituk allowed the simultaneous transportation of a parent or a legal guardian, with the sole exception of emergency medical evacuations to the various specialized services institutions of Montreal, which are performed by the EVAQ aeromedical-evacuation service.

"This is excellent news for the communities as well as for the well-being of Nunavik children," stated Minnie Grey, Executive Director of the NRBHSS.

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Québec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

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