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Chartered Schedevac Air Service Maintains Weekly Schedule

(Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL): Labrador-Grenfell Health advises the public that the three-day-a-week chartered schedevac air service on the South Coast of Labrador will be maintained. This is a result of an arrangement that has been worked out with Innu Mikun Airlines, the company which is contracted to operate the service for the Health Authority.

Labrador-Grenfell Health previously announced on April 18, 2016 that the schedevac service was moving to a twice-a-week service on the South Coast of Labrador, effective July 1, 2016, for the period from July to December. The change was part of a series of measures to reduce spending and supported the Government Renewal Initiative announced in Budget 2016.

Through the arrangement with Innu Mikun Airlines, Labrador-Grenfell Health will continue to provide transportation to South Coast residents who utilize the schedevac service to travel to regional referral centres to access specialized services not available through community clinics in the area. In addition, the arrangement ensures that Labrador-Grenfell Health realizes the projected savings from the planned move to a twice-a-week schedule.

The Health Authority welcomed the opportunity to discuss with Innu Minkun Airlines a range of options to maintain the three-day-a-week schedevac service as the frequency provides South Coast residents with greater flexibility in planning medical appointments. Maintaining a service which flies on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays also enables South Coast residents to take advantage of commercial seats that are available from Innu Mikun Airlines through the chartered air service contract for non-medical travel.

The schedevac service originates in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, makes scheduled stops in communities on the South Coast of Labrador, proceeds to St. Anthony Airport and returns via the same route later in the day. South Coast clients use a toll-free number, 1-844-667-6660, to make flight reservations.

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