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CHEROKEE, Iowa -- Cherokee Regional Medical Center will be the site of a new Air Methods air ambulance base.

Hospital spokesman Kent Lundquist said Air Methods tentatively plans to begin offering air ambulance service through its critical care air medical transport company, LifeNet, at Cherokee Regional Medical Center beginning in early August.

The EC130 aircraft will be matched with critical care nurses, paramedics, pilots and mechanics, who are based in Cherokee.

The air ambulance can accommodate a single patient or specialty transport in a large temperature controlled cabin, which provides medical professionals full access to the patient during flight.

From Cherokee Regional Medical Center, the crew and air ambulance will be less than 30 minutes flight time away from most hospital and EMS services in Northwest Iowa and surrounding counties.

LifeNet is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Services and licensed by the State of Iowa. It also has bases in Omaha, St. Joseph, Mo., and Norfolk, Neb.

-- Dolly A. Butz

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