

Air Care Alliance Membership Terms and Affirmation

The Air Care Alliance welcomes and encourages volunteer pilot organizations to join us in improving the work of all public benefit flying organizations and their volunteers. There are two ways for an organization to join the Air Care Alliance, outlined below.

Voting Membership - Annual Dues Contribution: \$100

Benefits:

1. Receive voting rights with ACA
2. Included in advocacy and other efforts by ACA
3. Priority listing in ACA directory as a resource for patients and/or community needs
4. Receive priority pilot and passenger referrals from the ACA automated referral system*
5. Receive an ACA seal in group directory and for use on VPO website
6. Discounts on annual Air Care conference
7. Opportunity to collaborate on and participate in additional VPO benefits

Non-Voting Membership - No charge

Benefits:

1. Listed in directory as a resource for patients and/or community needs*
2. Included in advocacy and other efforts by ACA

*ACA reserves the right to make referrals to non-voting members whenever a voting member is unable to assist.

Membership Eligibility:

To be eligible for any Membership with the Air Care Alliance; listed on our website; or receive authorization for COMPASSION call sign use, an organization must:

- Be an independently administered valid 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit organization or have an application pending for such status;
- Operate in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations related to the conduct of nonprofit charitable organizations and;
- Operate in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and Federal Aviation Regulations as they relate to fuel expense reimbursement and payment of pilot expenses and, if applicable, operation of aircraft by the organization. [Read more on our website here.](#)

<https://www.aircarealliance.org/resources-for-groups/regulations/>

- If an organization reimburses pilots for costs incurred while carrying out their mission (including fuel, rental fees, or general maintenance), a copy of the organization's FAA Exemption permitting reimbursements and/or 135 certificate must be provided to ACA.
- If an organization owns and/or operates an aircraft for purposes related to carrying out the organization's mission, a copy of the organization's 135 certificate, FAA exemption, or letter of authorization, must be provided to ACA.

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- Provide up-to-date information about your organization at registration and on an annual basis.
 - Current and correct information is critical so we can make appropriate referrals. Any information collected, such as number of flights flown, number of volunteers, etc. is used to prepare general summary statistics and show collective impact for all volunteer flying and will not be published for particular groups. Estimates may be used. Outside inquiries about a specific group's activities will be referred to that group's listed contact.
- Demonstrate a commitment to providing a high standard of service to passengers and the public. This includes maintaining a working telephone, website, or other means of communication; and issuing timely and appropriate responses to any referrals sent to the organization by ACA;
- Demonstrate a commitment to working collaboratively with other groups and refrain from engaging in adversarial activities

Conditions:

Voting Members, Listed Organizations and Authorized Call-Sign Users are responsible for their own conduct and for the conduct of their volunteers and staff. Any member whose conduct or whose volunteer's or staff's conduct shall be deemed by ACA to be improper or likely to endanger the welfare, safety, or reputation of ACA or its members, may have membership or authorization revoked.

Membership may be suspended or terminated by Air Care Alliance if, in the sole judgment of ACA, the member:

- submits false information on the application for Membership, which if had been truly disclosed, would have rendered the applicant ineligible for membership;
- fails to meet eligibility requirements;
- engages in conduct that is improper, illegal or likely to endanger the welfare, safety or reputation of the Air Care Alliance or its members.

ACA may at any time restrict or terminate, for cause or causes described in the preceding paragraph, the privileges of any member. A Member whose membership has terminated loses all Membership Voting Interests. No such member shall on account of any such restriction, suspension or termination be entitled to the repayment of annual dues, fees or any other charges.

Any member of ACA whose membership privileges have been terminated for any reason other than to meet eligibility for membership shall only be eligible for membership at the discretion of the ACA.

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The Affirmation paragraph below must be signed upon initial registration with the Air Care Alliance and re-affirmed annually upon renewal. Please complete and return this page via email to k.luke@aircarealliance.org. Once the signed affirmation form is received, you will be instructed to complete your registration through our online Member Portal where you will be able to pay any membership fee online.

Affirmation

I have read the Air Care Alliance eligibility terms and conditions described herein and I certify that my group meets those criteria and subscribes to the mission and principles of the Air Care Alliance.

I hereby affirm that the undersigned applicant organization for an Air Care Alliance Membership and/or COMPASSION call sign authorization operates in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations related to the conduct of nonprofit charitable organizations and with all Federal Aviation Regulations as they relate to fuel expense reimbursement and payment of pilot expenses and, if applicable, operation of aircraft by the organization.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

Signed by	Print Name	Date
Title	Email	Phone