



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-medical wheelchair transport and stretcher van providers.

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority (Authority), issue Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for each wheelchair/stretchers van transport provider listed below. Authorize the Chairman to sign the certificates.

- Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54, requires firms providing Wheelchair/Stretcher Van Transportation Services to obtain a COPCN in order to operate.
- The following firms: Access A Ride, Corp; PH Transportation, L.L.C; VCare Medical Transport, L.L.C. have completed an application and meet the Authority's inspection requirement to operate as a non-medical wheelchair/stretchers van transport business.
- The certificates will expire on June 30, 2020.
- If approved there will be a total of eighteen firms currently authorized to render either wheelchair only or wheelchair and stretcher van services.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community.

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach.

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support.

Summary:

The firms on the attached provider list have completed an application and have met the Authority's inspection requirement to operate as a non-medical wheelchair/stretchers van transport business in Pinellas County. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) will expire on June 30, 2020. If approved, there will be a total of eighteen (18) providers currently authorized to render either wheelchair only or wheelchair and stretcher van services.

Background Information:

Pursuant to Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54, firms providing Wheelchair/Stretcher Van Transportation Services are required to obtain a COPCN in order to operate in Pinellas County.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

Access A Ride, Corp.

PH Transportation, L.L.C.

VCare Medical Transport, L.L.C.

Attachments:

Provider Agency List

COPCN Certificates

COPCN Applications