



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Amendment No. 1 to the Medical Direction Service Agreement between the Emergency Medical Services Authority and EmCare, Inc.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of Amendment No. 1 to the Medical Direction Service Agreement between the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority and EmCare, Inc.

- Identifies the Pinellas County Sheriff Tactical EMS Team as an approved Pinellas County First Responder under the clinical oversight of the EMS Medical Director.
- All other terms and conditions of the Medical Direction Service Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

### **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:**

This Amendment No. 1 will update Appendix A, of the current Medical Direction Service Agreement, to identify the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) Tactical EMS Team as an authorized Pinellas County First Responder under the clinical oversight of the EMS Medical Director.

### **Background/Explanation:**

The EMS Authority and the Contractor are current parties to the 2017 Medical Direction Service Agreement. This agreement expires on September 30, 2022. Laws of Florida 2019-77 amended 790.25, F.S. to allow Paramedics embedded in SWAT teams to carry firearms. These SWAT Paramedics will be PCSO employees but will still operate under the established protocols and clinical oversight of the EMS Medical Director.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

### **Delegated Authority:**

Authority for the County Administrator to sign this amendment is granted under Code Section 2-62 (a) (1).

**Staff Member Responsible:**

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

**Partners:**

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office  
EMS Medical Director

**Attachments:**

Medical Direction Service Agreement - Amendment No. 1  
Medical Direction Service Agreement, dated 9-14-17