



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Advanced Life Support providers.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval of the renewal Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for the attached list of Advanced Life Support (ALS) providers.

- COPCNs are issued by Boards of County Commissioners (BCC) in all Counties in Florida. The certificate allows Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider agencies to be licensed by the Florida Department of Health.
- The certificate process ensures there are coordinated and regulated EMS Systems at a County level.
- Certificates are issued on an annual basis to ensure continuous compliance to the various standards and requirements.
- This COPCN renewal process does not carry a fee and has no fiscal impact for the County.
- There are 25 ALS COPCNs that have been issued by the BCC:

### **ALS First Responders (18):**

Cities of Clearwater, Dunedin, Gulfport, Largo, Madeira Beach, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, Seminole, South Pasadena, St. Pete Beach, St. Petersburg, Tarpon Springs, Treasure Island, and East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District, Lealman Special Fire Control District, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District and Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District

### **ALS Helicopter Ambulances (4):**

Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc., d/b/a Tampa General Hospital - Aeromed  
Med-Trans Corp. d/b/a Johns Hopkins ACH - Lifeline All Children's (Interfacility Air)  
Med-Trans Florida  
Rocky Mountain Holdings, L.L.C. d/b/a Bayflite

### **Hospitals - Ground - Neonatal/Pediatric Interfacility (2):**

BayCare Health System - St. Joseph's Children's Hospital  
Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, Inc. - Lifeline All Children's (Interfacility Ground)

### **Sunstar (1):**

Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority, d/b/a Sunstar

- A COPCN is issued to ALS First Responders, ALS Helicopter, Hospital ground ambulances, All Children's Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital and Sunstar in accordance with Section 401.25, Florida Statutes.
- The current COPCN's will expire on December 31, 2022.

- If approved, the new expiration date will be December 31, 2023.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the Certificates.

**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:**

A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) is issued to the Advanced Life Support (ALS) First Responders, ALS Helicopter Ambulances, All Children's Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, and Sunstar, pursuant to Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54, and in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 401.25.

**Background Information:**

COPCNs are issued by Boards of County Commissioners in all Counties in Florida. The certificate allows EMS provider agencies to be licensed by the Florida Department of Health. The certificate process ensures there are coordinated and regulated EMS Systems at a County level. Certificates are issued on an annual basis to ensure continuous compliance to the various standards and requirements.

The current COPCN for the attached list of providers will expire on December 31, 2022.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Staff Member Responsible:**

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

**Partners:**

City of Clearwater

City of Dunedin

City of Gulfport

City of Largo

City of Madeira Beach

City of Oldsmar

City of Pinellas Park

City of Safety Harbor

City of Seminole

City of South Pasadena

City of St. Pete Beach

City of St. Petersburg  
City of Tarpon Springs  
City of Treasure Island  
East Lake Tarpon Special Fire Control District  
Lealman Special Fire Control District  
Palm Harbor Special Fire Control & Rescue District  
Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District  
Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc., d/b/a Tampa General Hospital - Aeromed  
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**Attachments:**

COPCN Provider Agency Listing  
COPCN Certificates  
COPCN Applications/C.O.I.