



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital - LIFELINE/Med Trans West.

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital - LIFELINE/Med Trans West.

Authorize the Chairman to sign the certificate.

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

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

The COPCN process is a countywide regulatory system for licensing EMS providers and local systems of healthcare. Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54 and Florida Statutes, Section 401.25, requires entities providing ambulance services to obtain a COPCN in order to transport a patient in Pinellas County.

Background Information:

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital LIFELINE is requesting to add Helicopter Ambulance Service to its already existing COPCN for Inter-Hospital, Ground Transport of Neonatal Intensive Care Patients and Non-Discharged Pediatric Patients. If approved, the new expiration date will be December 31, 2017.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Michael Cooksey, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
EMS Advisory Council

Attachments:

COPCN Certificate
Letter from Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital

Letter from the EMS Advisory Council