



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for provision of Helicopter Ambulance Service in Pinellas County.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approve and issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to Med-Trans Corporation, d/b/a Med-Trans Florida for provision of Helicopter Ambulance Service in Pinellas County.

- COPCNs are issued by Boards of County Commissioners 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.
- Med-Trans Corporation, d/b/a Bayflite is changing their operating name to Med-Trans Corporation, d/b/a Med-Trans Florida.
- Med-Trans Florida is one of four helicopter services in Pinellas County per the attached provider agency listing.

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

5.1 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 ALS Helicopter Ambulances pursuant to Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54 and in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 401.25.

### **Background Information:**

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If approved, the expiration date of this COPCN will be December 31, 2022.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The application, renewal, and inspection process to receive the COPCN does not carry a fee. There will be no fiscal impact related to this service.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

**Partners:**

Med-Trans Florida

**Attachments:**

COPCN Certificate

COPCN Application

COPCN Provider Agency Listing