



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

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

### **Recommended Action:**

Issue Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital - LIFELINE and Med Trans West. 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:**

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:**

Currently, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital is issued a single COPCN for Ground and Helicopter Transport covering Interhospital Neonatal and Critical Care Pediatric Patients. To align with their separate vehicle permits and meet the requirements of the state, a request has been made to separate the combined COPCN into one for Ground Transport and one for Helicopter Transport. The expiration date will remain the same December 31, 2017.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

### **Staff Member Responsible:**

Jim Fogarty, Director, Safety & Emergency Services

### **Partners:**

Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital

### **Attachments:**

COPCN Certificates

Letter from Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital