



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Renewal of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for non-medical wheelchair transport and stretcher van providers.

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, issue a renewal Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for each wheelchair/stretcher van transport provider on the attached listing.

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 firms on the attached provider list have completed a renewal application and have met the Authority's inspection requirement to operate as a non-medical wheelchair/stretcher van transport business in Pinellas County. Current COPCNs will expire June 30, 2018. There are a total of twelve (12) providers of which six (6) have applied to render both wheelchair and stretcher van services. On a separate BCC item two additional new providers of wheelchair service COPCNs are being considered under item 18-720A. If approved, the total number of providers will increase to fourteen (14). This item however is for renewal of the existing 12 providers.

Background Information:

Pursuant to Pinellas County Code, Chapter 54, firms providing Wheelchair/Stretcher Van Transportation Services are required to obtain a COPCN in order to operate in Pinellas County.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

Americhair Transport Service, Inc.

CareCabee Transportation, L.L.C.
Care Ride, L.L.C.
EKallevig Transport, L.L.C. d/b/a Caliber Patient Transport
Liberty Wheelchair Transport, L.L.C.
Lifefleet Southeast, Inc. d/b/a American Medical Response (AMR)
MedFleet, Inc.
Pinellas Transportation, L.L.C. (Formerly Tender Touch Transport Service L.L.C.)
TransCare Medical Transportation Services
Trinity Mobility, Inc., d/b/a, A Trinity Wheelchair Transportation
Wheelchair/Stretcher Limo, Inc.
Wheelchair Transport Service, Inc.

Attachments:

Provider Agency List
COPCN Certificates
COPCN Applications