



Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 18-720A, **Version:** 1

Subject:

Issuance 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 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 an initial application and have met the Authority's inspection requirement to operate as a non-medical wheelchair/stretcher van transport business in Pinellas County.

There are currently twelve (12) authorized wheelchair/stretcher transport providers in Pinellas County. This action would increase that number to fourteen (14) authorized providers. The two added providers are considered under item 18-720A. This item renews the existing providers

If approved, the COPCNs will expire June 30, 2019.

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. The attached applications provide details on the two new providers requesting to operate within Pinellas County

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

Partners:

DHS Services Inc. d/b/a Home Helpers
On-Time Transports, L.L.C.

Attachments:

Provider Agency List
COPCN Certificates