



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Renewal Certificate of Public Convenience (CoPCN) for North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc.

Presenter:

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Description:

Renewal COPCN application for North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc. for interfacility transfer within Alachua County.

Recommended Action:

Approve the CoPCN application and sign the certificate.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc. has applied for a renewal of their COPCN for Basic and Advanced Life Support transport for interfacility transfers within Alachua County.

In determining whether such certificate shall be granted, the board may consider the following:

- (1) Whether existing emergency medical transportation services are adequate to meet reasonable public needs.
 - **Interfacility transfers from hospital to hospital**
- (2) The financial ability of the applicant to furnish continuous and uninterrupted service at the times required therefore, and to meet the financial obligations of the service which the applicant proposes to perform.
 - **Yes**

- (3) The effect on existing medical transportation facilities and services of all kinds and, particularly, whether the granting of such certificate will or may seriously impair essential public service as provided by existing service operators
 - N/A
- (4) The qualifications of the applicant to properly perform the proposed services and to conform to the provisions of this article.
 - Under – HCA Medical Direction
- (5) Any objections received from operators who were provided notice of the application as set out herein.
 - No
- (6) Any of the matters set out in section 52.27 of this article (application requirements).
 - N/A

Florida Statute 401.25(2)(d) and Alachua County Ordinance 93-9 require that all licensed pre-hospital Emergency Medical Service providers maintain a current CoPCN from the County governing board in which they operate.

All services must meet the requirements and standards per Alachua County Code Chapter 52, Florida Statute Section 401.25, and Florida Administrative Code Chapter 64J-1.

The applicant meets the required standards. In addition, as required by Alachua County Code 52.29, written notice of the application request has been provided to all licensed EMS providers in the county.