



Agenda Item Summary

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Renewal Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CoPCN) application for Amerimed Emergency Medical Services, LLC

Presenter:

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Description:

Amerimed Emergency Medical Services, LLC renewal application for a limited CoPCN 2025-2027

Recommended Action:

Approve the 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:

Florida Statute 401.25(2)(d) and Alachua County Ordinance 93-9 require that all licensed pre-hospital EMS providers maintain a current CoPCN from the County governing board in which they operate. Amerimed Emergency Medical Services, LLC has applied for a limited COPCN for Alachua County to transport patients having behavioral health issues from Meridian Behavioral Healthcare to other behavioral healthcare facilities outside of Alachua County. Meridian Behavioral Healthcare states that there is a need for this type of service. Alachua County does not currently provide this service.

Amerimed was founded in March 2008 and are providers of mobile clinical integrated healthcare services in the Southeastern United States. They have licensed ambulances staffed with a paramedic and an emergency medical technician.

The application for a CoPCN must meet the standards in Alachua County Code 52.29(c).

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.

- Limited non-emergency Interfacility transfers only

(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.

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(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).

- No

Florida Statute 401.25(2)(d) and Alachua County Ordinance 93-9 require that all licensed pre-hospital EMS 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.

The applicant meets the required standards.