

# Memorandum



**Date:** July 3, 2012

**To:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

**Subject:** National Health Transport, Inc. Application for a Transfer of Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity No. M-12

Agenda Item No. 8(M)(8)

Resolution No. R-572-12

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) No. M-12 from Florida Medi-Van Ambulance Service, Inc. to National Health Transport, Inc.

## SCOPE

The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity provides for countywide operation.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

There is minimal fiscal impact to the County. Florida Medi-Van Ambulance Service, Inc. is an existing provider of ambulance service. The transfer application fee collected, as established by Implementing Order 4-107, was \$1,500.

## TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

National Health Transport, Inc is an existing permit holder with forty-three (43) Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide nonemergency medical transportation service. The Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources will be responsible for monitoring this company.

## BACKGROUND

Chapter 4, Article I of the Miami-Dade County Code (Code), which governs ambulances, requires Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to be approved by the Board. Section 4-4 (g) of the Code provides that any change in the ownership structure of a Certificate Holder that results in a change or the possibility of change in control must also be approved by the Board. The transfer of a certificate requires that a public hearing be held. In reaching its determination, the Board shall consider the application, the County Mayor's report and recommendation, all matters presented at the public hearing and the following criteria:

- The financial ability of the applicant to provide the proposed services;
- The adequacy of the management plan;
- Any recommendations from municipalities;
- The benefits that will accrue to the public interest;
- The community's need for the proposed service, including a response time analysis of existing private providers for the previous three (3) years as compared to benchmark response times stated in each provider's most recent application and the quality of existing services as determined by the results of the comprehensive market survey conducted during the year preceding the term for certificate renewal and acceptance of new applications.

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Florida Medi-Van Ambulance Service, Inc. has been providing ambulance service in Miami-Dade County since 1990. The company is currently authorized to operate eighteen (18) active units and four (4) spare units. In March 15, 2011, the Board approved the transfer of the company's shares of stock to National Health Transport, Inc. (Resolution R-199-11). In April, 2012, the company informed the County that as part of a corporate restructuring plan, they decided to transfer Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity M-12 to the parent company, National Health Transport, Inc.

National Health Transport, Inc., located at 2950 NW 7 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33127, is an existing certificate holder with forty-three (43) Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for nonemergency medical service. The company has the necessary financial strength to sustain its operations. In accordance with the Code, staff will monitor quarterly and annual fiscal and other statistical data on an ongoing basis.

The management plan submitted by the applicant details the business functions that will be conducted and managed, including employee/crew training, a mechanism to handle complaints, accidents, maintenance, communications and dispatch, maintenance of business records and a quality assurance program. The proposed service standards meet all requirements of the Code and adequately meet transportation and comfort needs.

The benchmark response times provided by the applicant are within the parameters of being reasonably responsive to the expectations of customers and are in line with the other providers' self-imposed schedule of benchmark response times.

A notice of the application filing was transmitted to all County municipalities and certificate holders as required. No objections were received.

The Triennial Private Ambulance Service Market Survey that was submitted to the Board in May 2011 shows that a high quality of ambulance service is being provided throughout the County and that there is no need for significant expansion of providers. This application does not constitute an expansion of the service since it only deals with the transfer of an existing ambulance certificate.

The public will benefit from the continued availability of a highly specialized, equipped and staffed ambulance service operating in compliance with Federal, State and County regulations.



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Jack Osterholt  
Deputy Mayor



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** July 3, 2012

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 8(M)(8)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION NO. R-572-12

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. M-12 FROM FLORIDA MEDI-VAN AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. TO NATIONAL HEALTH TRANSPORT, INC. TO PROVIDE GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that in accordance with Chapter 4 of the Code, the transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. M-12 from Florida Medi-Van Ambulance Service, Inc to National Health Transport, Inc to provide ground ambulance service is approved.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Audrey Edmonson** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	aye	
	Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	aye	
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Lynda Bell	aye
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Rebeca Sosa	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	absent
Xavier L. Suarez	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of July, 2012. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK



By: **Christopher Agrippa**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

GKS

Gerald K. Sanchez