

Memorandum



Date: July 18, 2012

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

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Report Relating to Administrative Authorization of Private Ambulance Ground Units

In March 2001, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved Ordinance No. 01-38 relating to ambulance service. Among the various changes, Section 4-4 (h) provided a formula by which private ambulance service providers could apply to increase the number of units authorized. An operator could seek an increase after a minimum of six months in operation. In December 2009, the Board approved Ordinance 09-110 which amended Section 4-4 (h) by allowing the authorization of additional ground ambulance vehicles where the vehicles are needed to service the countywide ambulance contract. The additional vehicles are limited to contract work and the authorization expires at the end of the contract.

As required by Section 4-4 (h) of the Code, this semiannual report is provided for the purpose of advising the Board of requests to increase the number of units operated by private ambulance providers which have been approved administratively. During this reporting period (January to June 2012), the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) received requests to increase units by Florida Medi-Van Ambulance Service, Inc. and Miami-Dade Ambulance Service, Inc.:

- Florida Medi-Van Ambulance Service filed two requests for an increase of five (5) active units, which were approved based on the formula in Section 4-4 (h).
- Miami-Dade Ambulance Service filed a request for an increase of five (5) active units to service the ambulance contract. The request was approved. The authorization of these units will end upon expiration of the contract.

The attached chart summarizes the number of private ambulance units approved initially for each provider, the number of units that have been added for each provider since then, and the total number of units currently authorized as of July 9, 2012. Please feel free to contact RER Assistant Director Mario Goderich at (305) 375-3532 if you have any questions or concerns.

Attachment

c: Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor
Mario E. Goderich, Assistant Director, Business Affairs, RER

Private Ground Ambulance Units
(Effective July, 2012)

Ambulance Company	No. Units Initially Authorized		No. Units Approved Administratively		Total Active and Reserved Units	
	Active	Reserve	Active	Reserve	Active	Reserve
American Ambulance	10	2	25	5	35	7
American Medical Response (AMR)	73	0	0	0	73	0
Florida MediVan *	15	3	7	2	18	4
Medics	10	2	19	3	29	5
Miami-Dade Ambulance	10	2	37	0	47	2
Miami Children's Hospital d/b/a LifeFlight (Approved by BCC on 05/05/09)	5	1	0	0	5	1
	123	10	88	10	207	19

* Florida MediVan failed to place in service all authorized units before July, 2003 as required by Section 4-4 (e) of the Code