

Memorandum



Date: July 30, 2015

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

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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 adopted 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 2015), the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources' For-hire Transportation section received a request to increase ambulance units by National Health Transport, Inc.:

- National Health Transport, Inc. filed a request for an increase of two (2) active units, which were approved based on the formula in Section 4-4 (h).

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 13, 2015.

Should you have further inquiries or concerns regarding this report, please contact myself or Mr. Joe Mora, Division Chief in the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources' For Hire Transportation Section at (786) 469-2366 for assistance.

Attachment

- c: Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor/Director, Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
Lourdes M. Gomez, Deputy Director, Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
Joe Mora, For-Hire Transportation Division Chief, Business Affairs, RER

Private Ground Ambulance Units
(Effective July, 2015)

Ambulance Company	No. Units Initially Authorized		No. Units Approved Administratively		Total Active and Reserved Units	
	Active	Reserve	Active	Reserve	Active	Reserve
Falck Southeast II, Corp. d/b/a American Ambulance	10	2	30	7	40	9
Randle Eastern Ambulance Service and Medicar Ambulance Service d/b/a American Medical Response	73	0	0	0	73	0
National Health Transport *	15	3	12	2	23	5
Randle Eastern Ambulance Service, Inc. d/b/a Medics Ambulance Service	10	2	19	3	29	5
MCT Express, Inc. d/b/a Miami-Dade Ambulance Service	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	96	12	217	22

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