

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(5)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** May 20, 2025

**FROM:** Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving transfer of  
Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity No.  
M-17 from Nicklaus Children's  
Hospital to Rocky Mountain  
Holdings, LLC to provide air  
ambulance service

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The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Transportation and Public Works Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Kevin Marino Cabrera.

  
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Geri Bonzon-Keenan  
County Attorney

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**To:** Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*  
Mayor

**Subject:** Transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. M-17 from Nicklaus Children's Hospital to Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC

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## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this item is for the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to approve the transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) No. M-17 currently held by Nicklaus Children's Hospital to Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC. The certificate currently authorizes the operation of one active air ambulance unit and one reserve air ambulance unit.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board approve the transfer of COPCN No. M-17 from Nicklaus Children's Hospital to Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC.

## **Scope**

The COPCN applies countywide, allowing the certificate holder to operate in unincorporated and incorporated areas of Miami-Dade County.

## **Delegation of Authority**

There is no delegation of authority under this item.

## **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

Licensing, operating, permit, and inspection fees are collected by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) to support regulatory activities. There is a minimal impact to the County since the application involves the transfer of an existing certificate. The transfer application fee collected, as established by Implementing Order No. 4-136, was \$1,500.

## **Track Record/Monitor**

This applicant will be a new certificate holder and comply with all requirements of the Code of Miami-Dade County. DTPW will be responsible for monitoring this company.

## **Background**

Chapter 4, Article I of the Miami-Dade County Code (Code), which governs ambulances and medical transportation vehicles, requires Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to be approved by the Board. Section 4-4(g) 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; and
- The community's need for the proposed service.

Nicklaus Children's Hospital has been providing air ambulance service in Miami-Dade County since 2001. The hospital is currently authorized to operate one active unit and one spare unit. In February 2025, Nicklaus Children's Hospital informed the County that it had entered into an agreement with Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC for the operation of its air ambulance program. Under this agreement, COPCN No. M-17 is being transferred to Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC. The medical crew will continue being staffed by Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC, headquartered at 5500 South Quebec Street, Greenwood Village, CO 80111, is a new Miami-Dade County certificate holder. Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Air Methods, LLC which is the largest provider of air medical transport services in the United States, serving 48 states with 275 bases of operation. 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 the requirements of the Code and adequately meet transportation and comfort needs.

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



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Jimmy Morales  
Chief Operating Officer



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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County Attorney

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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**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Statement of social equity required**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **No committee review**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present \_\_\_\_, 2/3 membership \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_, majority plus one \_\_\_\_, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) \_\_\_\_, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) \_\_\_\_ ) 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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5-20-25

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. M-17 FROM  
NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO ROCKY  
MOUNTAIN HOLDINGS, LLC TO PROVIDE AIR  
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-17 from Nicklaus Children's Hospital to Rocky Mountain Holdings, LLC to provide air ambulance service is approved.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman	
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	
Marleine Bastien	Juan Carlos Bermudez
Sen. René García	Oliver G. Gilbert, III
Roberto J. Gonzalez	Keon Hardemon
Danielle Cohen Higgins	Eileen Higgins
Natalie Milian Orbis	Raquel A. Regalado
Micky Steinberg	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Dale P. Clarke