

RESOLUTION 14-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO WEST COAST-SOUTHERN MEDICAL SERVICE, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICE; SETTING FORTH CERTAIN LIMITATIONS; REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS; ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE CERTIFICATE.

WHEREAS, Manatee County is authorized by Florida Statutes § 401.25 to adopt ordinances related to the issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for the emergency medical transportation services operating within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Manatee County Commission has adopted Ordinance 91-73, authorizing the County Commission to issue such certificates; and

WHEREAS, the current COPCN of West Coast-Southern Medical Service, Inc. (West Coast) is nearing expiration and in order to maintain its State license, West Coast has submitted a request for renewal of its COPCN for the provision of an Advanced Life Support ambulance service in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Department of Manatee County is currently studying the modernizing of the 1991 ordinance and the County's emergency transport system, with recommendations on a new ordinance to be presented in the fall of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County determines that it is in the best interests of the County to approve a COPCN to West Coast.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. West Coast-Southern Medical Service, Inc. is hereby issued a non-exclusive COPCN for the provision of Advanced and Basic Life Support services within Manatee County. The COPCN is conditioned upon the following terms and conditions:

- A. The provision of Basic or Advanced Life Support services as defined by Chapter 401, Part III, Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code 64-J, for inter-facility transports between licensed medical facilities and includes transport requests from residences to licensed medical facilities for routine medical appointments and for stand-by for special events and, when requested by the County and provided for by agreement with the County and consistent with the above recitals, calls transferred from County 9-1-1 to West Coast-Southern Medical Service, Inc., and any other type of pre-hospital medical assistance.

At no time shall a West Coast-Southern Medical Service, Inc. ambulance await the arrival of County EMS, if the condition of the patient warrants immediate care and ground or air transportation. This includes trauma, STEMI and stroke alerts.

B. This COPCN is non-exclusive, and the County reserves its right to grant similar certificates during the term of this COPCN.

2. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorized herein shall remain valid for the period of time provided below based upon continued compliance by West Coast-Southern Medical Service, Inc., with the following provisions:

A. In the event it is determined by county officials that additional ambulances are required from West Coast-Southern Medical Service, Inc., to augment County EMS, such request will be made by an official from the County's Emergency Medical Service, Emergency Communication Center or Emergency Management Division.

B. In the provision of Basic and Advanced Life Support services authorized herein, West Coast-Southern Medical Service, Inc. shall maintain compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations including, but limited to, all statutes and ordinances related to ambulance transportation or the COPCN process.

C. Calls for services which West Coast-Southern Medical, Inc. is not authorized to provide under this resolution shall be immediately directed to the County's Emergency Communication Center.

3. The COPCN issued pursuant to this Resolution shall take effect upon expiration of the COPCN authorized by the County in Resolution R-12-90, which coincides with the June 28, 2014 expiration of West Coast Southern Medical Inc.'s State license, and shall have a term of no longer than two years, unless sooner revoked, suspended, extended, or renewed as provided by Manatee County law.

4. The COPCN authorized herein is not transferrable and may not be sold, assigned or otherwise transferred without the prior written consent of the County. Nothing contained herein is intended to convey any license or right to perform non-emergency medical transportation services or inter-hospital transportation services in derogation of any licensure requirement established by the State of Florida.

5. The Public Safety Director is authorized to execute a COPCN "certificate" conforming to the terms of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 3rd day of June, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST: R. B. Shore
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Larry Bustle
Larry Bustle, Chairperson

By: Jessica Reinhold
Deputy Clerk

