

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

WHEREAS, Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc. d/b/a Tampa General Hospital, Aeromed, has requested authorization to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) helicopter and ground ambulance transport services to the citizens of Hernando County; and

WHEREAS, there has been a demonstrated need to provide these essential services to the citizens of Hernando County; and

WHEREAS, the above-named service affirms that it will maintain compliance with the requirements of the Emergency Medical Services Act (Chapter 401, Florida Statutes); Rules (Chapter 64J-1 Florida Administrative Code); and the Hernando County Code of Ordinances.

THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, hereby issues a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to **Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc. d/b/a Tampa General Hospital, Aeromed,** to provide ALS/BLS helicopter and ground ambulance transport services countywide.

In issuing this certificate, the governing body of Hernando County, Florida, has considered recommendations of affected municipalities.

PARAMETERS

The Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance COPCN shall be limited as follows:

1. Consistent with Hernando County Common Medical and Trauma Protocols, Hernando County Fire & Emergency Services (HCFES) shall retain the first opportunity to perform ALS ambulance transports determined to be "Red" originating at hospitals located within Hernando County, unless (a) they are unable to respond to the request within one (1) hour from the time the call is received until the unit's arrival at the pickup location, or (b) that HCFES resources should be occupied responding to pre-hospital medical emergency call requests, in which case it will authorize Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc. d/b/a Tampa General Hospital, Aeromed, to perform these transports.
2. HCFES shall authorize Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc. d/b/a Tampa General Hospital, Aeromed, to take all "Yellow" and "Green" interfacility transports originating from hospitals located within Hernando County.
3. HCFES may request Florida Health Sciences Center, Inc. d/b/a Tampa General Hospital, Aeromed, to provide backup Emergency Medical Services to HCFES to the fullest extent of its operational ability. This service shall be provided at no cost to HCFES.
4. The Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance COPCN is unrestricted for interfacility transports.

Attest: _____

Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr., Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

County Attorney's Office

DATE ISSUED: May 12, 2026

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Jerry Campbell, Chairman

DATE OF EXPIRATION: May 12, 2028
(Unless sooner revoked or suspended)