

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Years	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>	<u>2030</u>
Personal Services	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	(500)	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Net Fiscal Impact	<u>(500)*</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____

ADDITIONAL FTE

POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0	0	0	0	0
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Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes X No _____
 Is this item using Federal Funds? Yes _____ No X
 Is this item using State Funds? Yes _____ No X

Budget Account Exp No: Fund _____ Dept. _____ Unit _____ Obj. _____
 Rev No: Fund 0001 Dept. 650 Unit 7110 Rev. 2900/4295

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

*No additional fiscal impact. A one time application fee was collected. Permit fee of \$150 per unit/vehicle inspected will be charged annually. Fiscal impact will depend on number of vehicles.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: [Signature] 4/7/26

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

[Signature] 4/9/26
 OFMB [Signature] 4/13/26
[Signature] 4/13/26
 Contract Dev. And Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 4/16/2026
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

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Summary: In accordance with the Palm Beach County Code, Chapter 13, Article II, Division 1, (EMS Ordinance), Section 13-24(f) upon a finding of Extraordinary Circumstances the BCC may, at any time, grant an extension and/or, modification of an existing COPCN for a period of up to six (6) months which may be renewed. The EMS Ordinance defines Extraordinary Circumstances as meaning substantiated conditions or events such that, in the discretion of the BCC, warrant waiving the normal requirements for extension or modification of a COPCN, as may be required to safeguard and protect the public's health, safety and welfare and ensure continuity of EMS. Based on the EMS Ordinance Administrators review, HCA Florida Palms West has demonstrated the Extraordinary Circumstances qualified to justify the modification of their existing COPCN. The existing HCA Florida Palms West COPCN limits their services to HCA Florida Palms West patients needing transports between HCA Florida Palms West and other medical facilities. The modification request would expand this authority to include patients requiring transport to and/or from HCA hospitals and HCA hospital based off campus emergency departments located within Palm Beach County. The EMS Ordinance Administrator's responsibilities include reviewing the application for modification of the COPCN, obtaining verification that the applicant meets applicable EMS laws, considering the need for the proposed service, and preparing a report with recommendations for the EMS Advisory Council (Council). The EMS Ordinance Administrator's consideration of the modification request and Extraordinary Circumstances was based primarily on data presented by HCA Florida Palms West demonstrating the requested services address rare but critical situations where immediate patient movement is necessary to protect life, health, and safety, and ensures patient continuity of care while qualified hospital-based transport personnel and equipment are already on site and capable of immediate transport. The EMS Ordinance Administrators report recommending approval of the modification request was submitted to the Council for their review and recommendation. On March 19, 2026, the Council reviewed the EMS Ordinance Administrator's report on the application and heard an oral presentation from HCA Florida Palms West. The Council voted (12 yes 0 no) to deny the requested modification to HCA Florida Palms West. **Countywide** (SB)


Background and Policy Issues: On February 11, 2025, the BCC approved five (5) additional Secondary Service Providers COPCN's during a special midterm COPCN application process (R2025-0226 through R2025-0230). HCA Florida Palms West was approved for a Secondary Service Provider COPCN and began operations in December 2025. Currently there are a total of eight (8) Secondary Service Providers operating in Palm Beach County. Both HCA Florida Palms West and the Health Care District of Palm Beach County have COPCN's with limited-service area. All current Secondary Service Providers COPCN's expire June 30, 2027.

ATTACHMENT 2



MEMORADUM

To: The Honorable Mayor Sara Baxter
and Board of County Commissioners

Through: Mary Blakeney, Director 
Office of Emergency Management

From: Matthew Keeler, Chairperson, Palm Beach County
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council

Date: March 19, 2026

Subject: **Recommendation of Modification to HCA Florida
Palms West Secondary Service Provider
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Certificate of
Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN)**

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The purpose of this memo is to provide a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) regarding the requested modification of the Secondary Service Provider COPCN held by HCA Florida Palms West which expires June 30, 2027.

Pursuant to Palm Beach County Code, Chapter 13, Article II, titled EMS Ordinance Section 13-23 – Review and Assessment of Application:

- a) Upon receipt of an application, the Administrator shall review the application and obtain verification that the applicant meets the requirements of all applicable federal, state and local laws. The Administrator's review shall include consideration of the need for the proposed service in the requested area;
- b) Upon finalization of the review, the Administrator shall prepare a report with recommendation, which shall be forwarded to the applicant and to the EMS Council. The Administrator shall schedule an EMS Council meeting to request an EMS Council recommendation on the application to be provided to the Board. The applicant and affected COPCN Holders will be provided with notice of the EMS Council meeting and may be heard concerning the application at the EMS Council meeting prior to the EMS Council recommendation.

On March 19, 2026, the EMS Advisory Council reviewed the application by HCA Florida Palms West to modify their existing Secondary Service Provider COPCN to allow for interfacility transport to or from all HCA hospitals and HCA freestanding emergency departments in Palm Beach County.



There were twelve (12) Council members present, twelve (12) Council members voted. The EMS Advisory Council voted 12 to 0 to deny HCA Florida Palms West application to modify their COPCN based on no evidence being presented for extraordinary circumstances.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Keeler", is written over a horizontal line.

Matthew Keeler, Chairperson
EMS Advisory Council

ATTACHMENT 3

MEMORANDUM



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To: Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services
Advisory Council

From: Mary Blakeney, Director *Mary Blakeney*
Office of Emergency Management

Date: March 18, 2026

Subject: Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Service
Ordinance Secondary Service Provider Certificate
of Public Convenience and Necessity Application
Modification Summary Report with Recommendations

This memo serves as a summary report with recommendations for the Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Ordinance Secondary Service Provider Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) modification application for HCA Florida Palms West.

During the March 3, 2026 Board of County Commission meeting, the Board directed staff to review and bring back information for Board consideration to edit or amend the HCA Florida Palms West COPCN for HCA hospitals in Palm Beach County.

The following Administrator's recommendation will be presented at the EMS Council meeting for your consideration and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners:

Approval of modification to the Secondary Service Provider COPCN for a period of six months based on extraordinary circumstances:

- **As services address rare but critical situations where immediate patient movement is necessary to protect life, health, and safety.**
- **Ensures patient continuity of care while qualified hospital-based transport personnel and equipment are already on site and capable of immediate transport.**

Based on the information collected through the application modification process, the Administrator's recommendations and a detailed report will be presented at the EMS Advisory Council meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

Please find attached the modified application from HCA Florida Palms West.

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Palm Beach County Emergency Medical Services

WHEREAS, there is a need for **Palms West Hospital Limited Partnership d/b/a HCA Florida Palms West** to operate and provide essential emergency medical services to the citizens and visitors of Palm Beach County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, said agency has applied to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, said agency has indicated that it meets and will comply with all requirements of Palm Beach County's EMS Ordinance, set forth in Chapter 13, Article II, Division 1, of the Palm Beach County Code, and related Rules, as well as Chapter 401, Part III, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 64J, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County hereby issues a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to said emergency medical service provider, valid from June 1, 2026 through December 1, 2026.

In issuing this Certificate, it is understood that the agency named hereon will meet the requirements of all pertinent County and State laws, rules, and regulations, and will provide emergency medical services on a twenty-four hour basis in the designated Area(s), providing the level of service endorsed as follows:



Area(s): Limited to patients requiring transport to or from HCA hospitals and HCA hospital based off campus emergency departments located within Palm Beach County



Service Endorsed: Secondary Provider with the following Endorsements:
Advanced Life Support (ALS) Services
Secondary ALS Transport Services
ALS/Basic Life Support (BLS) Inter-facility Transfer Services

Mary Blakney

Director, Office of Emergency Management



Mayor, Board of County Commissioners



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Customer Name:	Pbc Bocc Public Safety
Customer Address:	Palm Beach County Emergency Management 20 S Military TRL West Palm Beach FL 33415-3130
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PO Number:	

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, May 5, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the Jane Thompson Memorial Chambers, 6th Floor of the Governmental Center, 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida, for a modification of current Secondary Service Provider Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for Palms West Hospital Limited Partnership d/b/a HCA Florida Palms West, to revise its service area to "patients requiring transport to or from HCA Hospitals and HCA hospital based off campus emergency departments located within Palm Beach County", for the period June 1, 2026 through December 1, 2026.

Board of County Commissioners
/s/ Mary Blakeney, Director
Office of Emergency Management
Date 4/21/26
4/25/26 #12271387