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**Interoffice Memorandum**

**DATE:** July 10, 2025

**TO:** Mayor Jerry L. Demings and County Commissioners

**THROUGH:** Raul Pino, M.D., MPH, Department Director

**FROM:** Christian Zuver, M.D., Medical Director

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**DIVISION:** EMS Office of the Medical Director

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approval and execution of the renewal Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Rocky Mountain Holdings, L.L.C. d/b/a Air Care to provide prehospital air ambulance service, interfacility air ambulance service, and interfacility transport services in Orange County, Florida. The term of this Certificate is from August 7, 2025, through August 6, 2027. There is no cost to the County. (**EMS Office of the Medical Director**)

**PROJECT:** N/A

**PURPOSE:** The EMS Office of the Medical Director ("EMS") requests the approval of the application to renew the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("COPCN" or "Certificate") for Rocky Mountain Holdings, L.L.C. doing business as Air Care ("Air Care") to provide prehospital and interfacility air ambulance services and interfacility ground transport services. Air Care has submitted the attached application requesting the renewal of its COPCN which was originally granted in 2003 and modified in 2023. In accordance with Orange County Code, EMS has reviewed Air Care's renewal application. EMS has not received any substantial and material complaints against Air Care, and the status of Air Care has not substantially and materially changed. Accordingly, EMS recommends that the Board renew Air Care's Certificate.

**BUDGET:** N/A

BCC Mtg. Date: August 5, 2025

**ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**  
*for*  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOLDINGS, L.L.C. D/B/A AIR CARE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 401.25, Florida Statutes, governs the licensure of entities providing prehospital or interfacility advanced life support (“ALS”) services and basic life support (“BLS”) transportation services and requires applicants for licensure to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity from each county in which the applicant will operate; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 401.25, Florida Statutes, authorizes the governing body of each county to adopt ordinances that provide reasonable standards for certificates of public convenience and necessity; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 20, Article III, Orange County Code (the “Code”), governs the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity in Orange County, Florida (“COPCN” or “Certificate”) and provides reasonable standards; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2025, Rocky Mountain Holdings, L.L.C. d/b/a Air Care (“Air Care” or “Applicant”) submitted an application to Orange County’s Office of the Medical Director/EMS Division (“EMS”) to renew Air Care’s COPCN to provide prehospital and interfacility air ambulance services and interfacility ALS and BLS ground transport services (“Application”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 20-99 of the Code, EMS reviewed the Application and has not received any substantial and material complaints against the Applicant, and the status of the Applicant has not substantially and materially changed. Accordingly, EMS recommends that the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (“Board” or “BCC”) renew the Applicant’s Certificate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the Application, EMS’s recommendation, and all applicable recommendations from municipalities within Orange County, Florida (the “County”). The Board has determined that the Applicant’s proposed service, to the extent authorized by this Certificate, is or will be required by the present or future public convenience or necessity. The Board has determined that the Applicant is financially and otherwise able to provide adequate and uninterrupted service as required.

NOW THEREFORE, THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CERTIFIES:

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are hereby incorporated into this Certificate.

**Section 2. Application and Certificate.** The Board hereby grants Air Care’s Application to renew its COPCN and authorizes Air Care to provide **Level 6 Prehospital Air Ambulance Service; Level 7 Interfacility Air Ambulance Service; and Level 7 Interfacility Transport Services** in Orange County, Florida in accordance with the terms, conditions, and limitations of this Certificate. The Board hereby issues this Certificate to **Rocky Mountain Holdings, L.L.C. d/b/a Air Care**. The Board certifies that the Applicant’s proposed services are for the benefit of the population of the County or the benefit of the population of some geographic area of the County.

**Section 3. Term.** The "Term" of this Certificate is the period of time during which this Certificate is valid and effective. This Certificate's Term shall be for a two-year period beginning on **August 7, 2025**, and expiring on **August 6, 2027**. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Term may expire earlier if this Certificate is suspended or revoked pursuant to Orange County Code.

**Section 4. Indemnification.** In consideration of this Certificate, which permits Air Care to provide prehospital air ambulance service, interfacility air ambulance service, and interfacility transport services in Orange County, pursuant to Section 20-96, Orange County Code, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Air Care agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its officials, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, judgments, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including attorney's fees) of any kind or nature whatsoever arising directly or indirectly out of or caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of Rocky Mountain Holdings, L.L.C. d/b/a Air Care or its subcontractors (if any), anyone directly or indirectly employed by them, or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable; excepting those acts or omissions arising out of the sole negligence of the County.

**Section 5. Compliance with Laws.** By accepting this Certificate or providing prehospital air ambulance service, interfacility air ambulance service, or interfacility transport services in Orange County pursuant to this Certificate, Air Care agrees to comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations.

ADOPTED THIS 5 DAY OF August, 2025.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: Jerry L. Demings  
Jerry L. Demings  
for Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller  
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: Phil Diamond  
Deputy Clerk

