



EMSAC REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
and
County Commissioners

THRU: Raul Pino MD, MPH., Director
Health Services Department 

FROM: Jose Gainza, Chair 
Orange County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
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DATE: July 3, 2025

RE: EMSAC's Report and Recommendation on Riteway BLS Services, Inc.'s.
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide
Interfacility Basic Life Support Transport Services in Orange County, Florida

In May 2025, Orange County's Office of the Medical Director/EMS Division notified Orange County's Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council that Riteway BLS Services, Inc. had applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide interfacility basic life support transport services.

In accordance with Section 20-95 of the Orange County Code, EMSAC held a regularly scheduled meeting on May 28, 2025, to evaluate the countywide emergency medical services system and review Riteway's application to expand the system by issuing an additional COPCN to provide interfacility basic life support transport services. At the meeting, EMS framed the issue, Riteway presented its application, and EMSAC heard public comment and deliberated. In determining whether the application was in the interest of the public convenience and necessity, EMSAC considered the guidelines adopted by the Board in Section 20-95 of the Code. Specifically, EMSAC considered: (1) the number of providers currently providing services and the type and quality of services being provided; (2) the historic number of requests for service; (3) the benefits of the proposed service; (4) the results of the most recent County-conducted survey; (5) the timely, written objections to Riteway's application; and (6) Riteway's application itself.

At the conclusion of the meeting, EMSAC found that the issuance of an additional COPCN is in the interest of the public convenience and necessity and voted to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners grant Riteway's application.

RECOMMENDATION: Grant Riteway BLS Services, Inc.'s. Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Interfacility Basic Life Support Transport Services in Orange County, Florida.