

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO.

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD
2 COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
3 NECESSITY ("COPCN") TO COLUMBIA HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF SOUTH
4 BROWARD ("HCA"); LIMITING THE COPCN TO VEHICLES OWNED OR DIRECTLY
5 OPERATED BY HCA TO TRANSPORT PATIENTS TO OR FROM HCA'S HOSPITALS
6 OR MEDICAL FACILITIES AT NO CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR
7 TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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10 WHEREAS, Section 401.25, Florida Statutes, requires entities providing
11 interfacility advanced life support ("ALS") or basic life support ("BLS") transportation
12 services to be licensed by the State of Florida;

13 WHEREAS, Section 401.25, Florida Statutes, further requires entities to obtain a
14 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("COPCN") from the applicable local
15 governing body;

16 WHEREAS, Section 3½-3 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances ("Code")
17 exempts hospitals from the requirements of the Code when transporting patients to or
18 from their own hospitals or medical facilities, provided that such transportation is by
19 vehicles owned or directly operated by the hospitals and no fee is charged for the
20 services; and

21 WHEREAS, Columbia Hospital Corporation of South Broward ("HCA") represents
22 that it will transport patients only to or from its own hospitals or medical facilities, will use
23 only vehicles owned or directly operated by HCA, and will not charge a fee for such
24 services, NOW, THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
26 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

27 Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated
28 herein by reference.

29 Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida
30 ("Board"), grants Columbia Hospital Corporation of South Broward ("HCA") a Certificate
31 of Public Convenience and Necessity ("COPCN") authorizing the provision of interfacility
32 advanced life support ("ALS") and basic life support ("BLS") services.

33 Section 3. This COPCN is limited to providing interfacility ALS and BLS services
34 by vehicles owned or directly operated by HCA for the transportation of patients to or from
35 HCA's own hospitals or medical facilities, at no charge for such services.

36 Section 4. HCA shall comply with all applicable requirements of Chapter 401,
37 Florida Statutes.

38 Section 5. This COPCN is issued for a term of two (2) years.

39 Section 6. The Board reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify or
40 revoke this COPCN at any time if such action is deemed necessary to protect the public
41 health, safety, or welfare, or upon determination that HCA has failed to comply with
42 applicable law or with the terms of this COPCN.

Section 7. Severability.

If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid portion will be stricken, and such striking will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Resolution. If any court determines that this Resolution, in whole or in part, cannot be legally applied to any individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance, such determination will not affect the applicability of this Resolution to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

Section 8. Effective Date.

This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this day of , 2025. **PROPOSED**

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

By: /s/ Adam Katzman 10/03/2025
Adam Katzman (date)
Deputy County Attorney