



**Office of Medical Examiner and Trauma Services**

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January 8, 2024

TO: Mayor and Board of County Commissioners

THRU: Monica Cepero, County Administrator

FROM: Rebecca MacDougall, M.D., Director

SUBJECT: Trauma Agency's recommendation regarding COPCN applications

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Century Ambulance Service, Inc. currently holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Certificate) and an Emergency Backup Ambulance Services Agreement with Broward County. On September 14, 2023, RG Ambulance Service acquired all the assets of Century Ambulance Service, Inc. pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement. RG Ambulance is seeking to have Century Ambulance Service, Inc.'s Certificate assigned to them as RG Ambulance Service, Inc. d/b/a Century Ambulance Service.

Chapter 3 ½-9 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances provides that Certificates are not transferable except upon approval by the Board and are subject to the same application, investigation, fees, and public hearings as original applications for Certificates. As the assignment process was not complete by the September 14, 2023, closing date between RG Ambulance Service and Century Ambulance Services, Inc., the Board of Broward County Commissioners approved issuance of a temporary Certificate at the September 7, 2023, commission meeting to avoid service interruptions and continue emergency backup ambulance services.

Subsequently, RG Ambulance Service, Inc. d/b/a Century Ambulance Service applied for Class 2, Advanced Life Support Transfer, and Class 3, Basic Life Support Transport, Certificates. Chapter 3 ½ states that at the public hearing, the Board must determine whether the public convenience and necessity of the residents of Broward County would be best served by granting or by denying such applications. In making its determination, the Board will also consider the recommendation of the County Administrator or designee and the County's local Trauma Agency.

The County's local Trauma Agency recommends approval of RG Ambulance Service, Inc d/b/a Century Ambulance Service's Class 2 and Class 3 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity applications to maintain the level of service that has been provided in Broward County since Century Ambulance Service, Inc. was awarded a Certificate in 2016. RG Ambulance Service intends to do business as Century Ambulance Service if awarded the Certificate as to provide a seamless transition to the residents and visitors of Broward County.

Additionally, the Trauma Agency confirmed with Consumer Protection Division that Century Ambulance Service, Inc. and RG Ambulance Service, Inc. d/b/a Century Ambulance Service have both operated in good standing with Broward County and have no issues to report.