

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Years	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Personal Services	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Net Fiscal Impact	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____

ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative) _____ 0 _____ 0 _____ 0 _____ 0 _____ 0

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____
 Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes _____ No _____
 Budget Account Exp No: Fund _____ Dept. _____ Unit _____ Obj. _____ Prog. _____
 Rev No: Fund _____ Dept. _____ Unit _____ Rev. _____ Prog. _____

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

There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____ *[Signature]*

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

[Signature] 8/25/2020

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 Contract Dev. And Control
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B. Legal Sufficiency:

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 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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

Background and Policy Issues continue from Page 1:

Pursuant to Chapter 401 Florida Statutes, Palm Beach County's Emergency Medical Services Ordinance promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Palm Beach County in need of emergency medical services by establishing standards for issuing COPCN's for Primary, Secondary, and Special Secondary Service Providers. A secondary service provider means an agency designated by the Board to provide secondary advanced life support transport and basic life support inter-facility transfer services. Palm Beach County declared a local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus pandemic, which has been renewed in 7-day increments since March 13, 2020. Palm Beach County must take all necessary coordination, preparation, and response activities necessitated the rapidly expanding COVID-19 virus emergency. The local emergency is continuing, therefore, it is necessary to continue the local state of emergency. Critical staff involved with the COPCN process have been responding to the pandemic since March 2020.

2020 Secondary Service Provider COPCN Extension

Presented by Department of Public Safety:

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Emergency Medical Services

- Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 401, in order for the State to license an applicant to provide advanced life support (ALS) or basic life support (BLS) services, an applicant must obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) from the County in which the applicant will operate. That county may adopt ordinances that provide reasonable standards for COPCNs in accordance with State guidelines.
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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN)

- COPCN - a certificate with endorsements issued by the Board of County Commissioners, deeming it to be in the public convenience and necessity for the named Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider to operate within confines of the County, as authorized in Florida Statutes, Section 401.25.
- Types of COPCNs
 - Primary – Expires December 2022
 - Secondary – Expires December 2020
 - Special Secondary – Expires when the contract with the community association expires.

Secondary Service Providers

- **Secondary Service Provider - an agency designated by the Board to provide secondary ALS transport and BLS inter-facility transfer services.**
- **Applications for Secondary Service Provider COPCNs are issued every six years for a six year term.**
- **Current Secondary Service Provider COPCNs expire on December 31, 2020.**
 - ❖ **AMR (American Medical Response)**
 - ❖ **Medics Ambulance Service**

COPCN Timeline

- Pursuant to Section 13-22 of the EMS Ordinance, COPCN's public notice of the application period shall be given no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days and no later than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of the COPCNs issued.
- Estimated public notice date would be September 4, 2020 through September 13, 2020.

Extraordinary Circumstances

- Pursuant to Section 13-24 of the EMS Ordinance, upon a finding of extraordinary circumstances the Board 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.
- PBC has been under a local state of an emergency since March 13, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- COVID-19 as well as severe weather continues to be a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of PBC and has put additional stress on the entire system and there's been excessive workload as a result of responding to these events.
- Therefore, staff believes that extraordinary circumstances exist to warrant an extension of 6 months to existing COPCNs.

Staff proposals

- Staff requests to extend AMR and Medics Ambulance Service secondary service provider COPCNs for 6 months until June 30, 2021 with one renewal period of an additional six (6) months to be approved by the County Administrator if necessary.
- Application process for new COPCNs will also remain suspended during the extended term of the current COPCNs.
- Applications will commence prior to the expiration of the extended COPCNs with time for regular application processing as contemplated in the ordinance.
- EMS Advisory Council reviewed staff's proposal and substituted the motion of a 6 month with a 3 month extension.