

DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO ALOHA MEDICAL SERVICES FOR NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") of DeSoto County, Florida (the "County") through its Public Safety Department operates an advanced life support ambulance system providing quality emergency medical services to the citizens of DeSoto County; and

WHEREAS, Aloha Medical Services is desirous of providing non-emergency transport of DeSoto County patients to out of county destinations, and submitted an application, which application is on file with the County; and

WHEREAS, Section 410.25, Florida Statutes, provides for licensure by the State of Florida Department of Health (the "FDOH") for entities providing basic life support or advanced life support transportation services; and

WHEREAS, a certificate of public convenience and necessity is required from the county in which the transportation services will occur as a condition of obtaining licensure by the FDOH; and

WHEREAS, there has been demonstrated that there is a need for this non-emergency, out-of-county ambulance service to operate in this County to provide essential services to the citizens of this County; and

WHEREAS, the above ambulance service has indicated that it will comply with all the requirements of the Florida Emergency and Non-Emergency Medical Services Act; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC find it to be in the best interests of the County to approve the certificate of public convenience and necessity for Aloha Medical Services as provided for herein and in the attached Exhibit "A."

WHEREAS, the Board finds adoption of this Resolution is in the best interest of the residents of DeSoto County, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Resolution.

Section 2. That a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity represented by this Resolution be and hereby is issued to Aloha Medical Services, a Florida corporation whose principal address is 2549 Commerce Ct. Bowling Green , Florida 33834, for a period of three (3) years commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2028 (the "Initial Term"), unless the state license issued to Aloha Medical Services expires or is otherwise revoked or suspended. Further, the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity provided for herein may be subject to one (1) year renewals at the end of the Initial Term, for a maximum of three (3) one-year extensions at the sole discretion of the County.

Section 3. That this Certificate is subject to the following additional provisions:

- a. Except as provided under subsection b., this service is limited to non-emergency, out-of-county transports to medical facilities and institutions, but shall not preclude performance of this service by the DeSoto County Fire Rescue, if conditions warrant that same shall be in the best interest of DeSoto County and the patient.
- b. That the DeSoto County Fire Rescue may request emergency assistance from Aloha Medical Services should such assistance be deemed necessary by the DeSoto County Fire Rescue.
- c. That any non-emergency, in county transports be referred only by the DeSoto County Fire Rescue, and only when that service's schedule does not permit, transport by its own equipment and personnel.
- d. That Aloha Medical Services shall not solicit DeSoto County Fire Rescue patients/clients.
- e. That any modification to the rates submitted by Aloha Medical Services in its application shall be subject to review and approval by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners prior to implementation of any modifications.
- f. That this Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is non-exclusive and DeSoto County reserves the right to grant additional certificates to other firms or to have such services performed by DeSoto County Fire Rescue, if deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners.
- g. That this certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity shall not be construed by any party as establishing a contractual relationship for services between the DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners and Aloha Medical Services.
- h. That Aloha Medical Services shall provide services as set forth in Exhibit A.
- i. Suspension or Revocation.
 - i. The certificate may be suspended or revoked if the board of county commissioners finds that one or more of the following conditions exist:
 - 1. Aloha Medical Services has failed or refused to provide full and satisfactory service to the area covered by the certificate and in accordance with this certificate, Exhibit A, and the application;
 - 2. The certificate was obtained by an application in which any material fact was intentionally omitted or falsely stated;
 - 3. Aloha Medical Services has failed to correct deficiencies in the operations permitted by his certificate, including but not limited to personnel and vehicle requirements, following reasonable notice to correct such deficiencies;
 - 4. Aloha Medical Services has failed to comply with F.S. Ch. 401, Chapter 64-E, Florida Administrative Code, or any other applicable federal, state or local law or rule or regulation.

- ii. Prior to suspension or revocation under this subsection, Aloha Medical Services shall be notified in writing of the alleged deficiencies or grounds for suspension or revocation, and, where appropriate, a reasonable time to correct any deficiencies shall be provided. If the conditions have not been corrected within the time provided, the certificate may be temporarily suspended by the board of county commissioners, pending a hearing to determine whether indefinite suspension or revocation of the certificate is warranted.

Section 4. In issuing this Certificate, it is understood that the above-named ambulance service will meet the requirements of State Legislation and provide the prescribed ambulances on a twenty-four (24) hour basis to all the incorporated and unincorporated areas of DeSoto County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December 2025.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Mandy Hines
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

By: _____
Steve Hickox
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED as to form and legal sufficiency:

Valerie Vicente
COUNTY ATTORNEY



Aloha Medical Services
2549 Commerce Ct.
Bowling Green, FL 33834

December 2, 2025

Dear Desoto County,

If selected to be a COPCN holder, Aloha Medical Services will staff an ALS ambulance at the Desoto county fire station around the clock 24/7.

Our trucks are staffed with a Paramedic and an EMT and are capable of any level of service from non-medical to CCT with a ventilator. If our ambulance is held up with a call and other needs of the county arise, we will dispatch our next available unit into Desoto as a backup.

During the event of a disaster, it is our priority to ensure the county and its residents have all needs fulfilled. You will not only have your dedicated 24-hour unit, but with your request we will assign additional resources to cover stations, shelters, assisted living facilities, the hospital, or any other needs that may arise.

We have our private and contracted billing rates, but to better blend and service the county we are also willing to adopt Desoto County rates into the COPCN to accommodate the expenses of the residents within the community and will be the same across the board.

We look forward to supporting Desoto County with medical transportation needs and I want to thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lizotte

Director of Operations



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Contracted Facility Rates 2025

Medicare Fee Schedule- 2025		
Zip Code	LOS/HCPCS	Rate
Highlands/ Sebring		
33872	MILEAGE- A0425	\$9.15
33872	ALS/A0426	\$327.13
33872	BLS/A0428	\$272.61
33872	CCT/A0434	\$885.98
Highlands/ Lake Placid		
33852	MILEAGE- A0425	\$9.15
33852	ALS/A0426	\$327.13
33852	BLS/A0428	\$272.61
33852	CCT/A0434	\$885.98
Hardee/ Wauchula		
33873	MILEAGE- A0425	\$9.24
33873	ALS/A0426	\$330.34
33873	BLS/A0428	\$275.28
33873	CCT/A0434	\$894.66
Desoto/ Arcadia		
34266	MILEAGE- A0425	\$9.24
34266	ALS/A0426	\$330.34
34266	BLS/A0428	\$275.28
34266	CCT/A0434	\$894.66



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Desoto County/ 911 Rate Sheet

HCPCS	DESCRIPTION	RATE
A0427	ALS EMERGENCY	\$725.97
A0427	ALS EMERGENCY/MDCD	\$213.37
A0433	ALS 2 EMERGENCY	\$825.00
A0433	ALS 2 EMERGENCY/MDCD	\$280.74
A0998	ALS TREAT/ NO TRANSPORT	\$50.00
A0998	ALS TREAT/NO TRANSPORT/MDCD	\$0.00
A0429	BLS EMERGENCY	\$525.00
A0429	BLS EMERGENCY/MDCD	\$152.73
A0998	BLS TREAT/ NO TRANSPORT	\$50.00
A0998	BLS TREAT/ NO TRANSPORT/MDCD	\$0.00
A0429QL	MEDICARE RESPONSE/TREAT/MDCR	\$0.00
A0429QL	MEDICARE RESPONSE/TREA/MDCD	\$0.00
A0434	SCT/ALS EMERGENCY	\$331.28
A0434	SCT	\$975.00
A0425	MILEAGE	\$18.95
A0425	MILEAGE/MDCD	\$0.00