

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
ADVANCE LIFE SUPPORT- TRANSPORT (LEVEL IV)
MARION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, INC. D/B/A HCA FLORIDA OCALA HOSPITAL
MODIFIED OPERATIONAL RESTRICTIONS**

In accordance with the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) Advanced Life Support- Transport (Level IV) approved on May 3, 2022, Marion Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a HCA Florida Ocala Hospital has indicated that it will comply with all requirements of the Florida Emergency and Non-Emergency Medical Services Act and the restrictions specified below as set for by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners.

In order to ensure that the current provider of ambulance service is not negatively impacted by approval of another advanced life support transport provider; the following restrictions are required to be placed upon the Marion Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a HCA Florida Ocala Hospital Advanced Life Support - Level IV COPCN as modified during the February 17, 2026, Board of County Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting:

1. Marion Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a HCA Florida Ocala Hospital shall be authorized to transport basic life support (BLS) level and advanced life support (ALS) level patients originating from HCA hospitals, freestanding emergency departments, and HCA operated facilities within Marion County to any HCA facility within Marion County.
2. Marion Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a HCA Florida Ocala Hospital shall be authorized to transport BLS and ALS level patients being discharged from HCA hospitals and freestanding emergency departments within Marion County to the patient's home, skilled nursing facility, assisted living facility, etc.
3. Marion Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a HCA Florida Ocala Hospital shall transport 100% of all BLS and ALS patients within the HCA network originating within Marion County.
4. Marion Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a HCA Florida Ocala Hospital shall not transport critical care (SCT) level patients without express consent from Marion County Fire Rescue.
5. As determined necessary and at the request of Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR), HCA Florida Ocala Hospital may expand its transport operations beyond interfacility transfers to include transport services for special events, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and low-priority 911 calls. Expansion beyond interfacility transport shall be implemented in a phased manner, subject to ongoing coordination with MCFR.
6. Marion County Fire Rescue will assist Marion Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a HCA Florida Ocala Hospital with any local inter-facility transport deemed an "EMERGENCY TRANSPORT" in the event Marion Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a HCA Florida Ocala Hospital ambulances are unavailable to undertake the EMS transport. Marion Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a HCA Florida Ocala Hospital will follow the set established procedure to request this assistance.

7. Marion Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a HCA Florida Ocala Hospital will make available to the county administrator or designee records for all transports upon written request.

8. In the event of a state of emergency declared by the county administrator, state or federal officials, these restrictions may be suspended as requested by Marion County Fire Rescue.

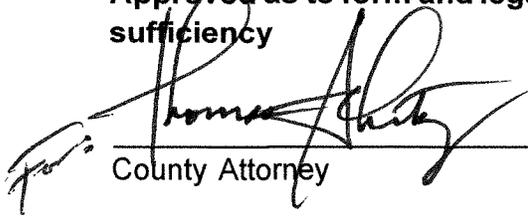
9. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Certificate, the authorized hospital-based ambulance service may provide limited, reciprocal assistance to other hospital-based ambulance services operating within Marion County for interfacility transfers and patient discharge transports, including discharges to home or post-acute care facilities, when the requesting hospital system has determined that its transport resources are temporarily unavailable and such assistance is necessary to avoid unreasonable delay in patient care or hospital throughput. All transports under this provision shall be limited to BLS and ALS levels of service, shall originate from a licensed hospital or freestanding emergency department within Marion County, and shall exclude Specialty Care Transport, critical care, neonatal, or other specialty transports unless expressly authorized by Marion County Fire Rescue. Such assistance shall be non-routine, shall not be construed as an expansion of COPCN authority or service area, and shall remain subject to monitoring, review, and restriction by Marion County Fire Rescue.

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By: _____
Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk of Court

**Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency**



County Attorney

**Marion County Board of County
Commissioners, a political subdivision
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By: _____
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Title: Chairman