

RESOLUTION #2023-01-770

**RESOLUTION REGARDING AMERIMED AS TO REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF
AMBULANCE, CONVALESCENT, AND INVALID SERVICES IN HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE TROUSDALE COUNTY SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, Under the Provisions of T.C.A. 7-61-102, the governing body of any county may enforce restrictions and regulations for the operation of patient transportation services (ambulance, invalid, convalescent, or similarly related) inside their county.

WHEREAS, Hartsville/Trousdale County has established the regulations for all new or current ambulance services, convalescent services or invalid transport vehicles operating in Hartsville/Trousdale County. As part of these regulations, no service which transports patients on a stretcher shall be exempt from these regulations; and

WHEREAS each Service whether convalescent, invalid transport or emergency shall be required to meet all these Regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. 33-6-901, the Sheriff of a county in Tennessee may designate a "secondary transport agent" for the purpose of transporting mental patients to another county for evaluation or treatment once certified by a physician for such transport pursuant to T.C.A. 33-6- 404; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with the County Mayor as required by T.C.A. 33-6-901, the Sheriff for Hartsville/Trousdale County, Tennessee desires to designate Amerimed as a "secondary transport agent" for the purpose of transporting mental patients to another county for evaluation or treatment once certified by a physician for such transport, and is seeking grant funds for such purpose; and

WHEREAS it is not required that an ambulance service be designated as a "secondary transport agent" for the transport of mental patients to another county for evaluation or treatment once certified by a physician for such transport; and

WHEREAS, out of an abundance of caution, the Sheriff for Hartsville/Trousdale County, Tennessee is seeking approval from the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission to proceed with entering into an agreement with Amerimed be designated as a "secondary transport agent" for the transport of mental patients to another county for evaluation or treatment once certified by a physician for such transport, but does not want such designation to run afoul of the regulations for all new or current ambulance services, convalescent services or invalid transport vehicles operating in Trousdale County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission, meeting in regular session:

1. The Commission has adopted the provisions of the foregoing resolution.
2. The Commission approves, as requested by the Sheriff for Hartsville/Trousdale County, Tennessee, the designation of Amerimed as a "secondary transport agent" for the

purpose of transporting mental patients to another county for evaluation or treatment once certified by a physician for such transport.

3. It is agreed and understood by all parties that Amerimed as a "secondary transportation agent" will not be engaged in "patient transportation services" as defined by the regulations for all new or current ambulance services, convalescent services or invalid transport vehicles operating in Hartsville/Trousdale County.
4. The foregoing resolution is premised upon Amerimed's agreement that it will comply with all of the provisions of T.C.A. 33-6-901, as well as all of the other laws and regulations of the State of Tennessee.
5. It is agreed and understood by all parties that should Amerimed desire to operate as anything other than a "secondary transportation agent" as defined by T.C.A. 33-6-901 and approved by the foregoing resolution or operate in any other manner in Hartsville/Trousdale County, Amerimed will comply with the regulations for all new or current ambulance services, convalescent services or invalid transport vehicles operating in Hartsville/Trousdale County.
6. This resolution shall take effect upon the acknowledgment of Amerimed to comply with the components of the foregoing resolution, the general welfare requiring it. The County Mayor, in consultation with the County Attorney, is authorized to compose an agreement with Amerimed to effectuate the foregoing resolution. The County Mayor is given the authority to execute said agreement on behalf of Hartsville/Trousdale County.

Motion to approve as presented:

Motion to approve: Brian Crook

Vote by Standing

Second motion: Landon Gulley

YES 17 NO 3 ABSENT 0

RESOLVED AND APPROVED ON JANUARY 23, 2023 IN REGULAR SESSION

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


Jack McCall
Commission Chair


Rita Crowder
County Clerk