

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. BR-582/B-1885
 Application of National Health)
 Transport, Inc., Omaha, seeking)
 to establish its rates and) ORDER GRANTING RATES
 charges subject to the) ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS
 Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)
 Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)
) ENTERED: April 7, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N S A N D F I N D I N G S

On February 6, 2020, National Health Transport, Inc. ("Applicant"), Omaha, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates to use in its operations as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	
	<u>Non-Wheelchair</u> (Ambulatory) Service	<u>Wheelchair (Non-</u> Ambulatory) Service
0-5 Miles within the City of Omaha	\$17.66 per one way trip	\$41.37 per one way trip
Excess of 5 Miles within the City of Omaha	\$1.66 per miles all miles in excess of the first 5	\$1.66 per mile for all miles in excess of the first 5
0 - 5 outside the City of Omaha	\$8.44 per one way trip	Same as rate within Omaha
Excess of 5 Miles outside the City of Omaha	Same as a rate within Omaha	Same as rate within Omaha

<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	
	<u>Non-Wheelchair</u> (Ambulatory) Service	<u>Wheelchair (Non-</u> Ambulatory) Service
0-5 Miles within Douglas County	\$15.50 per one way trip	\$41.37 per one way trip
Excess of 5 miles within Douglas County	\$1.60 per mile all miles in excess of first 5	\$1.66 per mile for all miles in excess of the first 5
0-5 Miles within Sarpy County	\$15.50 per one way trip	\$41.37 per one way trip
Excess of 5 Miles within Sarpy County	\$1.60 per mile all miles in excess of first 5	\$1.66 per mile for all miles in excess of first 5

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Emergency Action is requested.

Applicant was granted authority under Application No. B-1885 to transport passengers in non-emergency medical transportation by van between points in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. Point-to-point service within Lancaster County is not authorized. The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized and the HHS Designation is yes.

Applicant's proposed rate application seeks to eliminate all ambulatory rates currently in use in Applicant's operations, to be replaced with the proposed rates above. Applicant's current rates distinguish trips by those within the Omaha city limits and those outside of the city limits. The proposed rates would now distinguish between trips taking place in Douglas County and those trips taking place in Sarpy County. The proposed rates are lower than Applicant's current rates for ambulatory services. Applicant's rates for non-ambulatory service will remain the same but will also be differentiated by county rather being defined by the city limits of Omaha. A review of Applicant's proposed rates finds that the proposed rates are reasonable with those rates utilized by common carriers providing the same type of transportation in the same territories.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this application, as Applicant should be placed in a position to reduce its rates in an effort to increase its ability to receive more trips. Therefore, the Commission finds that an emergency basis exists that allows the Commission to grant the application on an emergency basis.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be granted on an emergency basis effective April 7, 2020.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that National Health Transport, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish its rates for its services effective April 7, 2020, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rates</u>	
	<u>Non-Wheelchair (Ambulatory) Service</u>	<u>Wheelchair (Non- Ambulatory) Service</u>
0-5 Miles within Douglas County	\$15.50 per one way trip	\$41.37 per one way trip
Excess of 5 miles within Douglas County	\$1.60 per mile all miles in excess of first 5	\$1.66 per mile for all miles in excess of the first 5
0-5 Miles within Sarpy County	\$15.50 per one way trip	\$41.37 per one way trip
Excess of 5 Miles within Sarpy County	\$1.60 per mile all miles in excess of first 5	\$1.66 per mile for all miles in excess of first 5

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that public notice of this action be published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121 and Commission Rules.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of April, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rod Johnson
Crystal Hoadley
Tim Schram
Don Watson

Mary Kidden

Chair

ATTEST:

Michael S. Hyatt

Executive Director