

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. BR-587/B-1976
Application of Beautiful Life)
Family Home Care d/b/a)
Beautiful Life Medical) ORDER GRANTING RATES ON
Transport, LLC, Omaha, seeking) AN EMERGENCY BASIS
to establish its rates and)
charges subject to the)
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.) Entered: August 25, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 31, 2020, Beautiful Life Family Home Care d/b/a Beautiful Life Medical Transport, LLC ("Applicant"), Omaha, filed an application for authority to amend its rates as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Ambulatory Van:		
One-way trip	\$30.00 first 8 miles	\$35.00 first 5 miles
After first 8 miles	\$1.68/mi.	\$2.68/mi. after first 5 miles
Weekends and Holidays	\$35.00 first 8 miles	\$40.00 first 5 miles
Weekends and Holidays	\$1.68/mi. after first 8 miles	\$2.68/mi. after first 5 miles
No charge for additional passengers		No change
Cancellation fee	n/a	\$30.00 per trip
Rural Rate	n/a	\$3.75/mi.

Wheelchair Van:		
One-way trip	\$55.00 first 8 miles	\$55.00 first 5 miles
After first 8 miles	\$1.68/mi.	\$2.68/mi. after first 5 miles
Weekends and Holidays	\$65.00 first 8 miles	\$65.00 first five miles
Weekends and Holidays	\$1.68/mi. after first 8 miles	\$2.86/mi. after first 5 miles
No charge for additional passengers		No change

Note: Passengers refers to caregivers

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and family members

Cancellation fee	n/a	\$50.00 per trip
Rural Rate	n/a	\$3.35/mi.

Emergency action is requested.

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

Applicant was granted authority as a common carrier under Application No. B-1976 to transport passengers in open class service between points in Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized, and HHS Designation is yes.

Applicant is seeking to amend its published rates for use in its operations. The proposed rates will update its one way and per mile fees, including the addition of a rural mileage rate for both ambulatory and wheelchair vans. Rural mileage will apply to those trips occurring outside city limits. The proposed rates also adds in a cancellation fee, as Applicant states that it has experienced a number of cancellations at the door or no shows. These occurrences have had a negative impact on the carrier's finances. Upon review, the Commission finds that the proposed rates are reasonable.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this Application, as Applicant would like to be in a position to take advantage of its new rates as soon as possible. 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 August 25, 2020.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Beautiful Life Family Home Care d/b/a Beautiful Life Medical Transport, LLC, Omaha, be, and is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its services on an emergency basis effective August 25, 2020 as follows:

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

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 25th day of August, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rock Johnson
Crystal Handley
Tim Schram
Don Watson

Mary Kadden
Chair

ATTEST:

Michael S. Hyl
Executive Director