

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Compassion ) APPLICATION NO. BR-592/B-2018  
Care Senior Services, LLC d/b/a )  
Compassion Care Medical )  
Transport, Omaha, seeking to ) ORDER GRANTING RATES ON  
establish its rates and charges ) EMERGENCY BASIS  
subject to the Provisions of )  
Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, )  
Articles 1 and 3. ) ENTERED: February 2, 2021

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 12, 2021, Compassion Care Senior Services, LLC d/b/a Compassion Care Medical Transport ("Applicant"), Omaha, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>
Ambulatory Van One Way Trip:		
First 5 Miles	\$25.00	\$35.00
Each Additional Mile	\$2.00/mile	\$3.25/mile
Wheelchair Van One Way Trip		
First 5 Miles	\$45.00	\$45.00
Each Additional Mile	\$2.00/mile	\$3.25/mile
Weekend/Holidays One Way Trip		
Ambulatory		
First 5 Miles	\$35.00	\$45.00
Each Additional Mile	\$2.00	\$3.25/mile
Wheelchair		
First 5 Miles	\$55.00	\$60.00
Each Additional Mile	\$2.00/mile	\$3.25/mile
Cancellation Fee	n/a	\$30/trip

Emergency action is requested.

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

Applicant is a Nebraska Limited Liability Company with its principal business address in Omaha, Nebraska. Applicant was granted authority under Application No. B-2018 to transport passengers as a common carrier by sedan and van between points in Douglas, Dodge, Sarpy, Washington, and Cass counties, over

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irregular routes. The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS designation is yes.

Applicant is seeking to amend and replace its existing rates previously granted under Application BR-600/B-2018.<sup>1</sup> Applicant is seeking an increase in its one-way ambulatory van base rate and its weekend/holiday one-way ambulatory base rate by ten dollars (\$10). Applicant is further seeking to increase its to increase its weekend/holiday one-way wheelchair base rate by five dollars (\$5). Additionally, Applicant seeks to increase its per mile charge after the initial five miles for each service offered by one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25). Finally, Applicant seeks to add a cancellation fee of thirty dollars (\$30) that it previously did not charge. A review of Applicant's proposed rates in comparison to rates offered by similar carriers for similar services 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 needs to incorporate these proposed rates in order to more adequately cover its labor and operating costs. The Commission therefore 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 February 2, 2021.

### O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Compassion Care Senior Services, LLC d/b/a Compassion Care Medical Transport, Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its rates for its services effective February 2, 2021, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Ambulatory Van One Way Trip	
First 5 Miles	\$35.00
Each Additional Mile	\$3.25/mile

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<sup>1</sup> Application No. BR-600/B-2018 *In Compassion Care Senior Services, LLC d/b/a Compassion Care Medical Transport, Omaha, seeking to amend its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3, Order Granting Rates (entered December 8, 2020).*

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Wheelchair Van One Way Trip	
First 5 miles	\$45.00
Each Additional Mile	\$3.25/mile
Weekend/Holidays One Way Trip	
Ambulatory	
First 5 Miles	\$45.00
Each Additional Mile	\$3.25/mile
Wheelchair	
First 5 Miles	\$60.00
Each Additional Miles	\$3.25/mile
Cancellation Fee	\$30/trip

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Rod Johnson*  
*Crystal Brader*  
*Mary Kiddy*  
*Tim Schram*

*Don Watson*  
Chair

ATTEST:

*Michael S. Hyl*  
Executive Director