

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	APPLICATION NO. LR-335
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)	
and Charges for Motor Carriers)	
Passengers and Property for Hire)	GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
subject to the Provisions of)	BASIS
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 2003),)	
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)	
(Medics At Home))	ENTRERED: MARCH 5, 2013

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On March 1, 2013, Medics At Home, Omaha, Nebraska filed an application for authority to amend its transportation rates as follows:

Description	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
I. Transportation Rates:		
A. Between points within the immediate Omaha area (includes: Bellevue, LaVista, Ralston, Papillion, and Millard)		
1. One-way	\$37	\$34
2. Round-trip(Same Day)	\$71	\$68
B. Between points in Omaha and points beyond the immediate Omaha area:		
1. Base rate: First 14 mi.	\$48	\$48
2. Mile 15 - 74	\$1.70/mi.	\$1.70/mi.
3. Mile 75 and beyond	\$3.10/mi.	\$3.10/mi.
II. Ancillary Rates:		
A. Extra Technician	\$15	\$15
B. Waiting Time (See Notes 1 & 2)	\$40/hour	\$40/hour
C. Weekend/Holiday Service	No extra charge	
D. If patient uses own oxygen	No extra charge	
If patient uses Medics At Home oxygen	\$10	\$10

Note 1: Immediate area includes Omaha, Council Bluffs, Bellevue, LaVista, Ralston, Papillion and Millard.

Note 2: Waiting time defined as when vehicle is out of service.

Note 4: First 15 minutes no charge. After first fifteen minutes, waiting time charged at \$40.00 per hour in one-half hour increments.

Emergency action is requested.

The Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1817. The certificate authorizes transportation as a limousine operator in transportation in non-emergency service as a limousine common carrier for hire of the handicapped, physically limited and elderly, who do not need or expect to need medical assistance in route, in vehicles specially designed by the accommodation of wheelchairs, on demand response or advance reservation basis between points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. The Applicant received the authority to operate on August 14, 2012.

The Applicant received its Certificate of Authority on August 14, 2012. It has spent some time analyzing the rates used by its predecessor, American Ambulance. The Applicant has concluded that that the proposed rates are necessary in order to be more competitive with other providers as well as be in conjunction with contract payments through AMR/Access to Care. The rates are to be reduced in the immediate Omaha area from \$37 one-way/\$71 round trip to \$34 one-way/\$68 round trip. All other rates are charges that are proposed to be unchanged. The proposed rates are those that are being paid to similarly situated providers.

The proposed rates are a decrease in the current rates as charged by the Applicant. Applicant's proposed rates are competitive with the rates on file for other carriers providing similar services in the Omaha metropolitan area.

The Commission must find that an emergency basis exists in order to grant an application on an emergency basis. In this matter, the Commission finds that the Applicant will be in a disadvantaged position relative to other providers if the application is not granted on an emergency basis. The Commission will order that the Application be granted 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.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Medics At Home, Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its transportation rates as follows:

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that public notice of this action be published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121, R.R.S. 2012, and the Commission's rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 5th day of March, 2013.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Anne Boyle

Chair

ATTEST:

Steve Meradith

Executive Director

//s//Anne C. Boyle
//s//Frank E. Landis