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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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**Re: Application for Paratransit Authority for
Romed, Inc. d/b/a Romed Ambulance**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

This firm represents Romed, Inc. d/b/a Romed Ambulance. Enclosed for filing, please find the original and one copy of the PUC Application, Verified Statement of the Applicant, a self-addressed envelope, and an attorney's check for the \$350 filing fee for an Application for Common Carrier Paratransit Service for Romed, Inc. d/b/a Romed Ambulance. Kindly date-stamp and return the copy to me in the enclosed envelope.

Very truly yours,



Christina M. Mellott

CMM:ms
Enclosures

cc: Romed, Inc. d/b/a Romed Ambulance

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Secretary PA Public Utility Commission
 400 North Street, Second Floor
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Application for Motor Common Carrier of Persons in Paratransit Service

THIS APPLICATION IS TO BE USED FOR COMMON CARRIER PASSENGER SERVICE WHEN PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION ON A NONEXCLUSIVE, ADVANCE RESERVATION BASIS.

1. **Legal Name of Applicant** (Individual, Partnership or Corporation)

Romed, Inc.

- If you are an individual who has not formed any type of corporate entity, you should enter your name **as it will appear on your insurance documents**.
- If you are filing for a partnership, but **not a limited liability partnership**, the names of all partners must be entered on this line. Those names should be entered **as they will appear on your insurance documents**. This includes husbands and wives filing jointly.
- If you are filing for a corporate entity (corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership), **even if you are the sole shareholder member**, you must enter the name **exactly as it appears on the registration papers from the Corporation Bureau of the Pennsylvania Department of State**.

2. **Trade Name** (Attach a copy of fictitious name registration if applicable)

Romed Ambulance

This is any name which you will be operating under which differs from the **LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT**. A **TRADE NAME** is considered a **FICTITIOUS NAME** if the identity of the applicant cannot be readily determined. *EXAMPLE: John Doe is the applicant and wants to use the name "Johnboy Vans" as his trade name. People cannot readily determine that John Doe is the actual operator; therefore, the name is fictitious and must be registered as such. Trade names such as "John Doe Vans" or "J. Doe Vans" are not considered fictitious and would not have to be registered.*

3. **Do you currently hold PUC Authority?** NO **Previous Authority?** NO

If YES, at PUC No. A- _____

4. **Are you a business entity registered with the PA Dept. of State?** NO

If NO, you must register (see checklist on how to register)

If YES, provide your PA Corporation Bureau Entity ID Number 2978319

(See checklist and indicate type of business entity registered)

5. **If either a corporation or limited liability company, please list members (LLC) or shareholders and officers (corporation).**

Roman Pristatsky - sole shareholder and officer

6. **Mailing Address**

2860 Hedley St, Suite 101
Street Address
Philadelphia, PA 19137 Philadelphia
City, State and Zip Code County
888-676-4911 roman@romedambulance.com
Telephone Number E-mail Address

This is the e-mail address to which the Commission will send all official documents issued by the Commission until further notice.

7. **Physical Address** (If different than mailing address. Do not use a post office box.)

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code County

Telephone Number E-mail Address

The address entered here should reflect the actual location of the business. This is the address the Commission needs in order to dispatch Enforcement Officers to inspect equipment. If left blank, it will be assumed that the **PHYSICAL ADDRESS** is the same as the **MAILING ADDRESS**

8. **Attorney** (if applicable)

Christina M. Mellott, Esq.; Page, Wolfberg & Wirth, LLC (717) 691-0100
Attorney's Name & Telephone Number for this Filing
5010 E. Trindle Rd., Ste. 202; Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 cmellott@pwwemslaw.com
Attorney's Address E-mail Address

An attorney's name should only be entered if an attorney is filing the application for a client and the application is being sent under the attorney's cover letter.

9. **Does applicant have a USDOT Number?**

No Yes, at No. _____

10. Describe the service area proposed by this application.

(Use the space below or attach additional sheet if space provided is not sufficient).

To transport, as a common carrier, persons in paratransit service, from points in Douglass Township, Berks County and within an airline distance of 60 statutory miles of the municipality, to points in Pennsylvania and return.

Examples:

- *To transport people whose personal convictions prevent them from owning or operating motor vehicles from points in Lancaster County to points in PA, and return.*
- *To transport people from the city and county of Philadelphia to correctional facilities in PA, and return.*
- *To transport people in wheelchair and stretcher vans from points in the city of Pittsburgh to points in Allegheny County, and return.*
- *To transport people between points in Northumberland County.*

11. Certification:

Applicant certifies that it is not now engaged in unauthorized intrastate transportation for compensation between points in Pennsylvania and will not engage in said transportation unless and until authorization is received from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Applicant further certifies that it understands the requirements of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, especially as they relate to safety and insurance and that it may be subject to civil penalties, suspension or cancellation of the Certificate for failure to comply with Commission requirements.

Applicant further certifies that it understands that it is subject to an annual assessment based upon its reported gross Pennsylvania intrastate revenues; said assessment to help defray expenses incurred in regulating Motor Common Carriers of Persons in Paratransit Service; and acknowledges that failure to report revenue and pay its annual assessment may result in civil penalties, suspension or cancellation of the certificate.

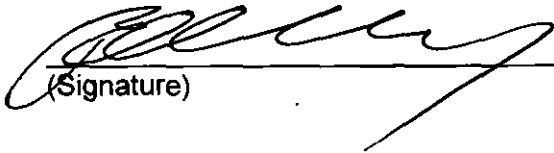
Verification of Application

I/We hereby state that the statement(s) made in this application is/are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

The undersigned understands that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Roman Pristatsky

(Print Name)



(Signature)

9-27-2023

(Date)

The verification of the application must be completed by the applicant appearing on Line 1 of the application by the named individual, all partners if a partnership, a member (if a limited liability company), or by the President or Secretary (if a corporation).

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VERIFIED STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE APPLICANT'S FITNESS TO OPERATE. STATEMENTS SHOULD BE TYPED OR PRINTED. ILLEGIBLE STATEMENTS WILL DELAY YOUR APPLICATION.

Romed, Inc.

Legal Name of Applicant

Romed Ambulance

Trade Name, if any

2860 Hedley St, Ste 101.

Philadelphia

PA

19137

Street Address (principal place of business)

City or Municipality

State

Zip Code

The Verified Statement of the Applicant factual details about your proposed transportation service. Your Verified Statement must answer all of the items listed below and on the following pages. Provide as much information as possible to prevent delay in processing your application. If you need more space to provide your answer, please attach additional pages identifying the appropriate item number.

1. Identify the person making the Verified Statement on behalf of the applicant. If an employee/officer of applicant is making the statement, give name, title, business address and telephone number.

Roman Pristatsky, President
Romed, Inc.
2860 Hedley St.
Ste. 101
Philadelphia, PA 19137
(888) 676-4811 ext. 401

2. List the applicant's affiliation (owner, manager, controls) with any other carrier, with the description of affiliation.

N/A

3. Describe the applicant's business experience, particularly any experience relating to the operation of a transportation service. If practical experience is lacking, please provide an explanation and description of any education or training that you believe may be relevant.

Romed, Inc. has been providing emergency and non-emergency ambulance services for 23 years, and during this entire time, it has been in good standing with the Department of Health, as well as Medicare and Medicaid.

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4. Describe your facilities, record maintenance plan and your communication network. Please include a description of your physical location, to including office machines that will be utilized, and the facility to house vehicles. As a carrier of household goods in use, applicant should include a description of storage facilities, if applicable. Please include an explanation of your plan to maintain records required by the PUC, as well as normal business records. In regard to your communication network, please explain how you will receive customer requests for transportation, how you will dispatch the vehicles to fulfill the request, and how you will maintain continuous communication with your drivers.

Facilities: Romed, Inc. has stations in Philadelphia (its headquarters), Whitehall (Lehigh County), and Aston (Delaware County). It plans to use all three stations for its PUC operations. The building has 6,000 total square feet, as well as 2 acres of parking. Each station has at least one: computer, printer, copier, telephone, and fax machine. Each station also has bathrooms, a kitchen, a lounge area, and a laundry room.
 Records: A computerized transport report is documented through a software program for each transport. After the billing for the transport is completed, all records are kept electronically and/or on paper for a minimum of 10 years. The company evaluates each transport for quality assurance.
 Records Maintenance Plan: All records are stored either electronically and/or on paper for a minimum period of 10 years. This includes requests for service, unit assigned to the transport, date/time of the transport, and person completing the transport. Normal business records are maintained in a similar fashion.
 Communications Network: Communications are accomplished by telephone, cellular phone, and email. Customer requests for transport are received by calling in and scheduling a transport. All personnel providing transports for Romed, Inc. have a cell phone during all transports and are able to communicate with dispatch and management, as well as any facility to and from which the person is being transported, at all times during the transport. Requests for transportation are able to be received and scheduled 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Records which are required to be maintained by the PUC will be maintained as described in this paragraph and in compliance with all laws, regulations, and policies of the PUC.
 The addresses of its stations are: 2860 Hedley St., Ste. 101, Philadelphia, PA 19137; 2708 Lehigh St., Whitehall, PA 18052; and 2770 Concord Rd., Aston, PA 19014.

5. Please state the number of drivers you intend to use or hire in your business and explain why that number of drivers is appropriate for the size of the territory you will be serving. In addition, please explain:
- a. Your hiring standards for drivers;
 - b. Your system for conducting criminal background checks;
 - c. Your driver training program;
 - d. Your system for conducting driver license checks;
 - e. Your policies regarding alcohol and drug use by your drivers.

a. Romed, Inc. has 51 personnel available to provide services. Drivers must be at least 25 years of age with no more than four moving violations or one accident and one violation within the last 3 years. Drivers age 23 and 24 are acceptable, but can have no more than two moving violations within the last 3 years. No driver may have any major convictions within the previous 5 years. Romed, Inc. is able to hire additional drivers to always ensure staffing levels are appropriate for the volume of transports it is conducting.
 b. All drivers are required to pass and present documentation of passing 3 background clearances in order to be employed by Romed, Inc.: PA State Police criminal background check, PA Child Abuse Clearance, and FBI Criminal Background Check. The company then completes twice a year checks of motor vehicle records, and annual criminal background checks, thereafter.
 c. Driver training is a 5-day process. The first 2 days, the trainee will ride along with a field training officer and be instructed on proper driving techniques. The following 3 days, the trainee will drive, with the field training officer verifying the trainee's competency.
 d. Motor vehicle record checks are conducted prior to employment, and twice a year thereafter. A current driver's license is kept on file and maintained by the Company. All drivers are required to immediately report any driving citation that could result in a driver license suspension.
 e. Romed, Inc. has a policy prohibiting the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and prescription medication that may impair the ability to operate a motor vehicle or impair the ability to safely perform job duties. Personnel are required to promptly notify his or her supervisor of the use of any prescription medication that may affect judgment, performance, behavior, or safety. Personnel are tested for drugs and alcohol after every accident and upon reasonable suspicion. A copy of the Drug and Alcohol Policy is available upon request.

6. Please state the number of vehicles you plan to use in your business and why that number is appropriate to provide reasonable and efficient service to the territory you will be serving. If you have already obtained vehicles for your business, please list them in the chart below.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SEATING CAPACITY*	VEHICLE ID #	MILEAGE
2019	FORD	TRANSIT	6	1FTYE1CM4KKA19053	97,445
2016	FORD	TRANSIT	6	1FDZX2CG1GKB25185	194,276
2019	FORD	TRANSIT	7	1FBZX2CM2KKB52712	56,049
2014	FORD	TRANSIT	6	1FTNE2EW9EDB18452	178,204
2015	FORD	TRANSIT	7	1FBZX2XM8FKB13753	206,099

*Vehicles with seating capacity of more than 15 passengers, including driver, can't be used in paratransit service.

7. Describe your vehicle safety program. Please include the following in your explanation:
- a. Your periodic vehicle maintenance plan
 - b. Your system for ensuring your vehicles will continuously comply with applicable Pennsylvania vehicle equipment standards (67 Pa. Code, Chapter 175).

a. Each driver inspects the vehicle before each shift according to a checklist for an defects.

Each vehicle is maintained in clean, safe, road-worthy condition by the fleet management department. Each vehicle undergoes oil change every 3000 miles, at which time a complete vehicle safety inspection is performed where fluids, tires, brakes, lighting, windshield and wiper blades, mirrors, under hood checks, transmission oil, underbody checks, batteries and interior checks are inspected or replaced.

b. All vehicles are inspected annually as required by law at a certified Pennsylvania inspection station. The equipment on the vehicles also receives periodic maintenance to ensure that they continue to function properly. Each vehicle is maintained in compliance with 67 Pa. Code, Chapter 175.

8. Please explain what steps you have taken to determine if you can obtain insurance and pay the required insurance premiums.

Romed, Inc. already has insurance on all of its vehicles in excess of the minimum amount required by the Commission, and it is confident that it will be able to continue to pay for this coverage.

9. State whether the applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. If applicant is partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation, or limited liability company this question applies to all members, officers, and/or shareholders. If "YES", explain.

YES NO

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10. Financial Data. Complete the "Statement of Financial Position", which follows this page. Please feel free to also provide additional information explaining why you believe you have sufficient funds to ensure your transportation business can provide reliable service to the public in a safe manner.

Verification of Statement

The undersigned deposes and says that he/she is authorized to and does make this verification and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief. The undersigned understands that false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C. S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.



(Signature)

Roman Pritatsky, President

(Name and Title, printed or typed)

9-27-2023

(Date)

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)
As of (date): 9/25/2023
(Must be less than 6 months old)

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash	\$992,462.49	
Other Current Assets (specify)	\$405,710.00	
Total Current Assets		<u>\$1,398,172.49</u>
Tangible Assets		
Motor Vehicle Equipment	1,513,584.96	
Property (buildings, land, etc.)	0	
Office Equipment	346,869.23	1,860,454.19
		<u>3,272,914.96</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities (Due within one year of date)		
Loans	0	
Credit cards/revolving credit	50,491.70	
Other Liabilities (Attach schedule)	0	
Total Current Liabilities		<u>50,491.7</u>
Long Term Liabilities (Due after one year of date)		
Mortgage	0	
Long term commercial loan	2,125,391.89	
Other Liabilities (Attach Schedule)	0	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		<u>2,125,391.89</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>2,175,883.59</u>

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