

**COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORT LLC
STATEMENT JUSTIFYING PUBLIC NEED
SUFFICIENT TO ISSUE EMERGENCY TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION**

The applicant is Commonwealth Transport LLC located at 554 W. King Street, Lancaster PA 17603. Commonwealth Transport LLC is seeking approval of an Emergency Application for Temporary authorization to provide paratransit transportation services to a traditionally underserved overlooked population of Pennsylvanians who require behavioral health, emotional health and mental health services or who are wheelchair bound and non-ambulatory. As discussed below, this application is being presented to respond to a currently existing public need. The witness preparing the statement is Nicholas J. Wachinski, Esquire, attorney for Commonwealth Transport LLC.

Pending before the Commission is an Emergency Application for Temporary Authorization presented by the Applicant for paratransit services in South Central Pennsylvania. This application is being presented to provide services to overlooked unserved populations of individuals who need behavioral health, mental health and emotional health services or who are wheelchair bound and non-ambulatory. The population of individuals who are overlooked or underserved are made up of individuals who are dependent on Medicaid or Medicare coverage to receive health care and access to health care services, specifically transportation to receive services. These individuals are unlikely to receive access to necessary behavioral health, emotional health and mental health services, absent the services which are to be provided by the Applicant. Many of the individuals in this overlooked and underserved population subset are juveniles who are entering the justice system and who are in dire need of such services in other parts of the Commonwealth but who are otherwise unable to access those services due to the limited financial means of their families in being able to transport these juveniles to the proper facilities to receive treatment and pursue rehabilitation which would shift them out of the justice system.

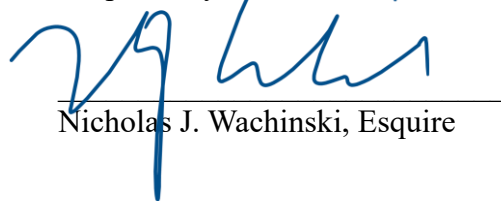
While there are presently a number of paratransit service providers in the South Central Pennsylvania area, specifically in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, medical facilities have sought out additional services for these underserved overlooked populations for the simple truth that the current paratransit providers are unable to provide the sedan and wheelchair accessible van transportation services because there is simply no operational infrastructure to carry the logistical load for this underserved and overlooked population. But for the services to be provided by the

applicant, the individuals described herein would not be able to receive access to care, would not be able to obtain the necessary services and would either go untreated or would be shifted to alternative pathways of treatment that are not optimal or medically necessary based on the clinical criteria presented by the individual needing treatment.

The Applicant believes and therefore avers that this application is being submitted to respond to a public need, and suggests that this is a dire public need, to ensure proper transfer and transition of medical, behavioral health, emotional health and mental health treatment for this particular underserved overlooked population of individuals who would not otherwise be able to access this care absent the additional services provided by Applicant in a narrowly tailored manner for sedan and wheelchair accessible van transport.

Date: February 5, 2025

Respectfully Submitted;

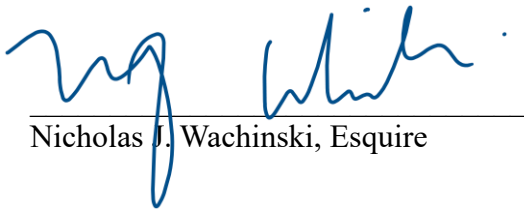


Nicholas J. Wachinski, Esquire

VERIFICATION

I hereby state that the statements made in this supplemental supporting document relative to an Emergency Application for Temporary Authorization are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

The undersigned understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties set forth in 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.



Nicholas J. Wachinski, Esquire

Date: February 5, 2025