

APPLICATION CHECKLIST
Motor Common Carrier of Persons in Paratransit Service

Use this checklist to make sure you have enclosed all required items or your application will not be processed. You cannot operate in Pennsylvania until you receive a Certificate of Public Convenience from the Commission.

- The original Application with original signatures (unless e-Filed with the Commission's online e-Filing system at www.puc.pa.gov).
- Verified Statement of Applicant.
- A certified check, money order, or check from your attorney for \$350 made payable to "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."
- IF application is being made as an individual or sole proprietor.
- IF application is being filed by a Partnership, provide a list of the names and addresses of ALL partners.
- IF application is being filed by a Limited Partnership, provide a list of names and addresses of ALL partners, and your PA Corporation Bureau Entity ID Number.
- IF application is being filed by a Limited Liability Partnership, provide a list of names and addresses of ALL partners, and your PA Corporation Bureau Entity ID Number.
- IF application is being filed by a Limited Liability Company, provide a list of the names and addresses of ALL members and the Title of each member, and your PA Corporation Bureau Entity ID Number.
- IF application is being filed by a Corporation for Profit, provide a list of ALL corporate officers and titles, the name of each shareholder, distribution of shares, and your PA Corporation Bureau Entity ID Number.
- IF application is being filed by a Corporation Non-Profit, provide a list of ALL corporate officers and titles and those serving on the Board of Directors, and your PA Corporation Bureau Entity ID Number.

ALL Parties to proceedings pending before the Commission must open and use an e-filing account through the Commission's website, OR you may submit your filing by overnight delivery. If a filing contains confidential or proprietary material, the filing is required to be submitted by overnight delivery.

If not e-Filed, mail your application and attachments to: SECRETARY PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION, 400 NORTH STREET, 2ND FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17120

Corporate entities (corporations, LPs, LLPs, and LLCs) and fictitious trade names must be registered with the PA Department of State. Companies incorporated in other states must register as a foreign business corporation. Individuals acting as sole proprietors and partnerships do not have to register.

If you are not registered with the PA Department of State, you can apply at its website at www.dos.state.pa.us/corps on how to do business in Pennsylvania as:

PA Corporations (Profit and Non-Profit) – apply for Articles of Incorporation

Foreign Corporations – apply for a Certificate of Authority

PA Limited Partnerships (LPs), Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs), and Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) – apply for an Application of Registration

Fictitious Name Registration – File ONLY IF Trade Name will be different than the business name you register with the PA Department of State.

General Information for Preparing and Filing the Application for Motor Common Carrier of Persons in Paratransit Service.

1. This application is required to request a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate as a commercial carrier of people, when providing transportation on a nonexclusive, advance reservation basis. Service includes, but not restricted to:

- Transportation of people whose personal convictions prevent them from owning or operating motor vehicles.
- Transportation of people to correctional facilities for visitation.
- Transportation of people in wheelchair and stretcher vans.

****Important Note: Paratransit carriers may not render service to or from airports.***

2. Upon approval of the application, you will be notified that prior to providing service in Pennsylvania you must submit evidence of insurance to the Public Utility Commission. **Your permanent evidence of insurance will be a Form E for bodily injury and property damage insurance.** This form is mailed to the Commission directly from the home office of your insurance carrier. The name and address on your Form E must **exactly** match the name and address you have provided on your application. Your insurance company must subscribe to the NIC Insurance Filing website at www.nicinsurancefilings.com . You will request the insurance company (not the agent) to file the required insurance forms electronically through NIC. Mailed insurance forms are no longer acceptable. The minimum limits of insurance are as follows:

Minimum limit dependent upon manufactured rated seating capacity of the vehicle. Carriers operating any vehicle of

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| 15 passengers or less: | (a) | \$35,000 to cover liability for bodily injury, death or property damage incurred in an accident (BIPD). |
| | (b) | \$25,000 first party medical benefits, \$10,000 first party wage loss benefits, and conforming to 75 PA C.S. §§1701 - 1798 (relating to Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law). |
| | (c) | First party coverage of the driver of certificated vehicles shall meet the requirements of 75 PA C.S. §1711 (relating to required benefits). |

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)

Parsa Ariana LLC

- 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)

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 13958871 (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).**

Safiullah Amani

Mohammad Arif Popal

6. **Mailing Address**

3439 Vista ST.

Street Address

Philadelphia PA-19136

Philadelphia

City, State and Zip Code

County

267 536 6913

safi.amani025@gmail.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)

N/A

Attorney's Name & Telephone Number for this Filing

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. 4454790

10. **Describe the service area proposed by this application.**
(Use the space below or attach additional sheet if space provided is not sufficient).
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To transport people from point A to to point B in Philadelphia county and counties around them, in case of inter estate will be operating with permission of PUC, those people will be in wheelchair and strecher vans or just for regular appointments.

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.

Safiullah Amani

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Mohammad Arif Popal (Print Name)

Arif Popal

10/06/2025

(Signature)

(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).

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.

Safiullah Amani / Mohammad Arif Popal

Trade Name, if any

3439 Vista St

Philadelphia

PA

19136

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.

Parsa Ariana LLC

PA Entity ID: 13958871

Business Address: 3439 Vista St, 19136 Philadelphia]

USDOT Number: 4454790

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

Safiullah Amani is the co-founder of Parsa Ariana LLC and brings over a decade of expertise in finance, transportation, and business operations. He previously served as Finance and Account Manager at US Embassy Kabul, where he oversaw payroll systems, financial reconciliation, and regulatory reporting. Prior to that, he led finance operations for a U.S. Embassy-funded development program, modernizing accounting infrastructure and supervising a team of four, and also worked as Business development specialist for US Army affiliated company Suprem in the area of transportation and logistics. His academic credentials include an MBA from Bakhter University and a BBA from Pune University, which support his strategic and analytical approach to business leadership.

Note: Mohammad Arif Popal Co-founder and vice president is in attached sheet.

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.

In the United States, Mr. Amani has continued to apply his skills through as an independent contractor in the transportation sector. He has completed over 800 rides with HopSkipDrive, earning more than \$57,000 in revenue, and has successfully completed over 3,000 rides through rideshare platforms such as Uber and Lyft and also he is currently working as In-Home expert with Asurion providing tech support, customer services and delivery services for the business and household, where he has more than 500 of jobs completed and continuously kept the record of best employee for last 5 months. This extensive hands-on experience in community mobility, combined with his regulatory knowledge and multilingual fluency (English, Dari, Pashto, Hindi/Urdu), positions him to deliver safe, reliable, and culturally responsive para-transit services throughout Pennsylvania.

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.

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.

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.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>SEATING CAPACITY*</u>	<u>VEHICLE ID #</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
2020	Toyota	Rav4	5	2T3LWRFVXLW079406	100,000
2014	Nissan	Rogue	5	5N1AT2MV8EC852885	132000
2015	Toyota	Prius	5	JTDKN3DU8F1905176	220000
2017	Toyota	Corrola	5	2T1BURHE8HC954014	165000

*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).

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

We have already obtained insurance quotations from multiple providers. Upon acquiring the Public Utility Commission (PUC) approval, we will proceed to secure the required insurance within one month. Based on our current financial position, we are fully capable of covering the insurance premiums for at least the initial six months of operation.

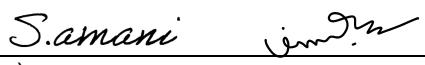
9. State whether the applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. If applicant is partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation, or limited liability company this question applies to all members, officers, and/or shareholders. If "YES", explain.

_____ YES X NO

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)	10/06/2025 _____ (Date)
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 Safiullah Amani & Mohammad Arif Popal

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

As of (date) _____

(Must be less than 6 months old)

ASSETS

Current Assets			
Cash	25000\$		
Other Current Assets (specify)			
Total Current Assets			25000\$
Tangible Assets			
Motor Vehicle Equipment	50000\$		
Property (buildings, land, etc.)			
Office Equipment			
	TOTAL ASSETS		75000\$

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities (Due within one year of date)			
Loans	6000\$		
Credit cards/revolving credit	6000\$		
Other Liabilities (Attach schedule)			
Total Current Liabilities			12000\$
Long Term Liabilities (Due after one year of date)			
Mortgage			
Long term commercial loan			
Other Liabilities (Attach Schedule)			
Total Long-Term Liabilities			
	TOTAL LIABILITIES		12000\$

VERIFIED STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

1&2: Profile of Mohammad Arif and his NEMT and Transportation related experience

I am a transportation and logistics professional with over 10 years of diverse experience across both civilian and military contracting environments. My background includes direct operational work in Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT), high-volume passenger transport, warehouse and logistics coordination, and international supply chain management.

In the United States, I have worked extensively in the NEMT sector, safely completing hundreds of rides for individuals with mobility challenges and special medical needs. I am experienced in operating wheelchair-accessible vehicles, assisting passengers with care and respect, and ensuring safe, on-time transport to medical appointments and essential services. My commitment to passenger safety, comfort, and reliability is a core part of my professional identity.

I have also worked in the rideshare sector, completing over 2,200 rides with Lyft and more than 1,000 rides with Uber, consistently maintaining high ratings and a strong customer-service record. These roles have enhanced my real-time route planning, scheduling, and client communication skills, all of which directly support efficient NEMT operations.

In addition to transportation, I served as Shipping and Receiving Assistant Manager for a U.S.-based distribution company. In this role, I oversaw warehouse operations, managed inventory and shipping schedules, and supervised staff to ensure accurate and timely delivery of goods. This experience strengthened my logistics management and organizational abilities.

Before moving to the United States, I spent several years in Afghanistan's transportation and logistics sector. I worked with Supreme Group, a major contractor for the U.S. Department of Defense and the Afghan Ministry of Defense, managing the secure delivery of food, fuel, and equipment to U.S. and NATO military bases. I also provided transportation support for the United Nations and U.S. military installations, gaining valuable experience in high-security and compliance-focused environments.

Academically, I hold a Bachelor's Degree from the Faculty of Agriculture and have completed studies through a School of Business, giving me a strong foundation in business operations and organizational management. I am proficient in computer software, including transportation scheduling, dispatch systems, and general office applications. I speak four languages fluently, which allows me to effectively communicate with diverse clients, healthcare providers, and team members.

With my combined experience in NEMT, logistics, and customer-focused service, I am confident in my ability to manage and operate a professional, compliant, and high-quality NEMT business. I am fully committed to delivering safe, respectful, and dependable transportation services to communities across Pennsylvania.

4. Facilities, Record Maintenance Plan, and Communication Network

Physical Location and Office Setup

PA Transportation LLC is headquartered at *3439 Vista Street, Philadelphia, PA*, a mixed-use property that serves as both our administrative base and vehicle staging area. The facility includes:

- Office Space: A dedicated room equipped with:
 - Desktop computer and laptop for scheduling, billing, and compliance
 - Multi-function printer/scanner/copier for documentation and reporting
 - Secure filing cabinets for physical record storage
 - High-speed internet and cloud-based systems for digital operations
- Vehicle Housing: The property includes off-street parking suitable for housing up to 6 vehicles. Vehicles are parked securely overnight and inspected daily before deployment.
- Storage Facilities: As a NEMT provider, we do not currently transport household goods in use. If future services expand to include such offerings, we will secure appropriate warehousing and update our operational plan accordingly.

Record Maintenance Plan

We maintain both physical and digital records in full compliance with Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) regulations and standard business practices:

- PUC Compliance Records: These include driver qualification files, vehicle maintenance logs, trip manifests, insurance certificates, and inspection reports. All are stored securely and backed up digitally.
- Business Records: Financial statements, payroll, tax filings, contracts, and customer service logs are maintained using QuickBooks and encrypted cloud storage.
- Retention Policy: All records are retained for a minimum of three years, with PUC-required documents readily available for audit or inspection.

Communication Network

Our communication system ensures reliable coordination between customers, dispatchers, and drivers:

- Receiving Customer Requests:
 - Requests are accepted via phone, email, and online booking platforms.
 - We also partner with brokers, healthcare providers, and facilities for scheduled rides.
- Dispatching Vehicles:
 - A centralized dispatch coordinator uses scheduling software to assign drivers based on location, availability, and passenger needs.
 - Real-time updates are sent to drivers via mobile apps or SMS.
- Maintaining Driver Communication:
 - Each driver is equipped with a company-issued smartphone or app-enabled device.
 - We maintain continuous contact through:
 - GPS tracking and route optimization
 - Two-way communication via phone or app
 - Emergency protocols for breakdowns or incidents

This integrated network ensures timely service, accountability, and a smooth experience for passengers and partners.

5. Driver Staffing and Safety Standards

We intend to hire 2 drivers during the initial phase of operations. This number is suitable for the size and scope of our service territory, which encompasses Philadelphia and its surrounding counties, with potential expansion into the broader DMV region. Our scheduling model ensures coverage for peak demand hours, medical appointments, and recurring contracts, while maintaining flexibility for growth and compliance.

a. Hiring Standards for Drivers

We maintain high standards to ensure safety, professionalism, and community trust:

- Minimum age of 25 years
- Valid Pennsylvania driver's license with a clean driving record

- At least 2 years of professional driving experience (NEMT, rideshare, or commercial)
- Strong communication skills and customer service orientation
- Ability to pass all required background and health screenings
- Commitment to ethical conduct and respectful service

b. Criminal Background Check System

We conduct thorough background checks through authorized third-party providers and/or Pennsylvania State Police records. Checks include:

- National criminal history
- Sex offender registry
- Driving-related offenses
- Verification of identity and legal work status

No driver is permitted to operate until cleared through this process.

c. Driver Training Program

Our training program includes:

- Orientation on company policies, safety protocols, and customer service
- Defensive driving and emergency response procedures
- HIPAA compliance and passenger confidentiality
- Sensitivity training for transporting elderly, disabled, and medically vulnerable clients
- Hands-on vehicle safety and equipment usage

Training is conducted prior to first assignment and refreshed annually or as needed.

d. Driver License Check System

We verify licenses during onboarding and conduct periodic checks through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) or approved monitoring services. Any license suspensions, expirations, or violations are flagged immediately, and drivers are suspended pending resolution.

e. Alcohol and Drug Use Policies

We enforce a strict zero-tolerance policy:

- Pre-employment drug screening
- Random drug and alcohol testing throughout employment
- Immediate suspension and investigation for any suspected substance use
- Mandatory reporting and compliance with DOT and state regulations

Drivers are educated on these policies during onboarding and must sign a formal acknowledgment.

7. Vehicle Safety Program Overview

Our vehicle safety program is designed to ensure the ongoing reliability, compliance, and safety of all fleet vehicles used in our transportation services. We prioritize preventive maintenance, regulatory adherence, and documentation to protect our passengers, drivers, and community.

a. Periodic Vehicle Maintenance Plan

We follow a structured maintenance schedule based on manufacturer recommendations and operational demands:

- Daily Inspections: Drivers conduct pre-trip and post-trip checks covering brakes, tires, lights, fluid levels, and safety equipment.
- Monthly Preventive Maintenance: Certified mechanics perform oil changes, filter replacements, tire rotations, and brake inspections.
- Quarterly Safety Audits: A comprehensive review of mechanical systems, including steering, suspension, exhaust, and electrical components.
- Annual Full-Service Inspection: Each vehicle undergoes a full diagnostic and performance review to ensure long-term reliability.

All maintenance activities are logged digitally and reviewed by our operations manager to track trends and anticipate repairs.

b. Compliance with Pennsylvania Vehicle Equipment Standards (67 Pa. Code, Chapter 175)

To ensure continuous compliance with Pennsylvania's vehicle equipment regulations:

- State Inspection Coordination: All vehicles are scheduled for annual Pennsylvania safety inspections at certified stations, as required under Chapter 175.
- Equipment Checklist Monitoring: We maintain an internal checklist aligned with Chapter 175 standards, including lighting, mirrors, windshield wipers, seat belts, and emissions controls.
- Real-Time Alerts: Our fleet management system flags any equipment issues that may affect compliance, prompting immediate corrective action.
- Training and Accountability: Drivers and maintenance staff receive regular training on equipment standards and reporting procedures to ensure proactive compliance.

We treat safety and compliance not just as legal obligations, but as core values of our service.

8. Statement of Creditworthiness and Financial Flexibility

PA Transportation LLC maintains a strong financial position with \$25,000 in liquid assets and \$50,000 in fully owned transportation equipment. In addition to this equity, the company and its managing member have a positive credit history and demonstrated financial responsibility through:

- Successful completion of over 3,800 rides across multiple platforms (HopSkipDrive, Uber, Lyft), generating \$57,000+ in income.
- Timely repayment of short-term obligations, with no delinquent accounts or long-term debt.
- A history of responsible business management and compliance with banking and financial regulations.

In the event that additional capital is required for expansion or equipment upgrades, PA Transportation LLC is well-positioned to secure commercial leases or loans through reputable financial institutions. Our credibility is supported by:

- A clean credit profile and consistent income stream
- Strong relationships with local banks and lenders
- Transparent financial documentation and compliance history

This financial flexibility ensures that our NEMT services can scale responsibly while maintaining safety, reliability, and full regulatory compliance.