

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 1906-NGOV-78-L

RE: APPLICATION OF A & I MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1) MOTOR VEHICLE HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN (11) PASSENGERS, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE BY VIRTUE OF A CONTRACT WITH, OR A LOWER TIER CONTRACT FOR ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR MUNICIPAL AGENCY BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN WATERTOWN.

DECISION

OCTOBER 11, 2019

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on June 11, 2019, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, A & I Medical Transportation, LLC (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 69 Taft Avenue, Oakville, Connecticut 06779 seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) adults, in governmental livery service from a headquarters in Watertown.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing on this application was held on October 10, 2019.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

A hearing officer designated by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17 conducted the hearing on this matter.

C. APPEARANCES

Besnik Sabani appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 69 Taft Avenue, Oakville, Connecticut 06779.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in governmental livery service from a headquarters in Watertown.
- 2. Mr. Sabani currently works as a Purchasing Specialist for Whole Foods. He will leave this position if the application is granted.
- 3. The applicant will operate a 2019 Ford Transit 150 wheelchair accessible van which is bariatric capable. The vehicle will be financed.
 - 4. The applicant has \$12,064 in a bank account for the business.
 - 5. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$5,886,

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- 6. Mr. Sabani has a public service license and will be the driver of the vehicle.
- 7. Mr. Sabani has been working with Eagle Medical, a top Veyo Provider, to learn the medical livery field.
 - 8. Mr. Sabani has a clean criminal record.
 - 9. This application is not opposed.

III. DISCUSSION

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

In determining whether a livery permit should be granted, the department shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity. The applicant must prove that the public's convenience and necessity will be improved by the proposed service. Additionally, the applicant must show the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of the statutes and the requirements and regulations of the department thereunder, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, the applicant submitted a criminal record check for Besnik Sabani, which showed no criminal record. Mr. Sabani has been mentored by the owner of Eagle Medical to learn the medical transportation business. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has the necessary suitability to be granted livery authorization.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$5,886, maintenance of \$130, vehicle financing of \$5,286 and advertising of \$100 for a total expense of \$11,402. The applicant has \$12,064 in the bank, which is sufficient to cover these initial costs, therefore the applicant is financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented evidence from Anthony Freeman of Veyo that it supports the application for one (1) vehicle. The applicant's bariatric equipped van is greatly needed by Veyo. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant has proven public convenience and necessity

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IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application of A & I Medical Transportation, LLC is hereby granted and Livery Permit Number 3679 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT 3679

DURATIONAL LIVERY SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT WITH VEYO DOCKET NO. 1906-NGOV-78-L-GRANTED ON OCTOBER 11, 2019

A & I Medical Transportation, LLC is hereby permitted to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, for the provision of transportation for hire by virtue of a contract with Veyo from a headquarters in Watertown.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the one (1) vehicle granted in this permit within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the authority.

The authority for the one (1) vehicle granted in Docket No. 1906-NGOV-78-L shall be durational in nature and shall exist only for the period of time that the permit holder has a current and continuing contract in effect for the provision of service with Veyo.

The permit holder shall notify the department of any termination of its contract with Veyo or the cessation of the active provision of service thereunder. The permit holder shall file with the department on an annual basis, upon registration or re-registration of the motor vehicles authorized in this decision, a current, executed copy of the extension of said contract. Failure to file an extension of the contract, or a new executed contract shall void the authority for the vehicles authorized pursuant to this contract.

This permit is not transferable and shall remain in effect until revoked by the department or until the contract under which this authority is granted has expired. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other State statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke said permit.

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Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 11th day of October 2019.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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