

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NO. 2107-AVG0V-60-L

RE: APPLICATION OF A & I MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1) ADDITIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN PASSENGERS, 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

SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on July 27, 2021, 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) additional motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, 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.

### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on September 16, 2021.

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, Watertown, Connecticut 06779.

Amber Copeland, Provider Operations Coordinator for Veyo, testified in support of the application.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) additional motor vehicle in governmental livery service from a headquarters in Watertown. The applicant currently operates one (1) wheelchair accessible vehicle for Veyo.

2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2014 E-250 wheelchair accessible van in the livery business.

3. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance of \$6,409, vehicle financing of \$3,426, maintenance of \$360 and property tax of \$331.

4. The applicant has \$18,751 in a business bank account.

5. Veyo supports the application due to the need for additional wheelchair accessible vehicles in upper Fairfield County.

6. Ms. Copeland spoke highly of the applicant's good customer service and willingness to take as many livery trips as possible.

7. Veyo has enough livery trips to keep the applicant's two vehicles in service.

8. The applicant will be operating out of his home. There are no zoning issues with operating a home office from the residence.

9. Mr. Sabani and his wife will be the drivers of the two livery vehicles. Both individuals have a public service license.

10. This application was 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 disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Sabani has been operating in intrastate livery service for Veyo for almost two years. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed expansion.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes: insurance of \$6,409, maintenance of \$360, vehicle financing of \$3,426 and property tax of \$331 for a total expense of \$10,526. The applicant has \$18,751 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant presented the testimony of Amber Copeland, a Provider Operations Coordinator for Veyo. Ms. Copeland spoke highly of the applicant's service and confirmed that Veyo needs additional handicapped accessible vehicles in the applicant's service area. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will receive additional governmental livery authorization for Veyo.

#### IV. ORDER

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

#### **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3679**

#### **DURATIONAL LIVERY SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT WITH VEYO**

#### **DOCKET NO. 2107-AVG0V-60-L-GRANTED ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

A & I Medical Transportation LLC is hereby permitted to operate one (1) additional 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. 2107-AVG0V-60-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

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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.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

**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.

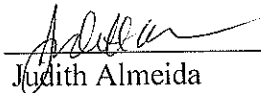
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A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 23rd day of September 2021.

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