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BENCHMARK INTERNATIONAL ADVISES ON CENTRAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRANSACTION TO PRIORITY AMBULANCE



SELLER

CENTRAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INC

- Based in Atlanta, Georgia
- Medical emergency transportation
- Provides advanced life support, basic life support, critical care and nonemergency transport options from 13 stations throughout the state of Georgia
- Specializes in transport service between hospitals and other health care facilities, assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and long distance transports
- Transport approximately 50,000 patients and annually with 77 ambulances

Central Emergency Medical Services Founder and CEO, Gary Coker, stated, **“I am extremely pleased with the partnership that we have developed with Priority under the guidance of Benchmark International. I believe that the Central EMS and Priority Ambulance combined management teams will be able to deliver powerful results within the industry. I would like to thank all the members of the Benchmark International transaction team that worked diligently to produce this result and feel strongly we could not have achieved this without them by my side every step of the way.”** The transaction represents the conjoining of two of the strongest players in the EMS industry in the Southeast United States.

BUYER

PRIORITY AMBULANCE

- Based in Knoxville, Tennessee
- Provides emergency and nonemergency medical transport options to communities
- Provides more than 1,000 highly trained paramedics and EMTs staff more than 170 state-of-the-art ambulances with the latest medical equipment and technology
- Be able to deliver powerful results within the industry



Dara Shareef, Managing Director at Benchmark International, stated “It was a pleasure to represent Central Emergency Medical Services in this transaction. Combining management teams with hundreds of years of experience, backed by a strong private equity investor we believe the partnership with Priority Ambulance will be extremely successful within the EMS industry. We wish both parties the best of luck moving forward.”

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