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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; providing aid to certain licensed ambulance services; requiring

1.3 reports; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. AID TO AMBULANCE SERVICES.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the definitions in Minnesota

1.7 Statutes, section 144E.001, apply and the terms in this subdivision have the meanings given.

1.8 (b) "EMS responses" means the number of responses reported to the director by a licensee

1.9 via the Minnesota state ambulance reporting system during the previous calendar year.

1.10 (c) "Response density" means the quotient of a licensee's EMS responses divided by the

1.11 square mileage of the licensee's primary service area.

1.12 Subd. 2. Excluded services. The director shall exclude EMS responses by specialized

1.13 life support as described under Minnesota Statutes, section 144E.101, subdivision 9, when

1.14 calculating EMS responses, response density, or aid payments under this section.

1.15 Subd. 3. Multiple licenses. When a licensee, a licensee's parent company, a subsidiary

1.16 of the licensee, or a subsidiary of the licensee's parent company collectively hold one or

1.17 more licenses, the director must treat all such related licensees as a single licensee and the

1.18 sum of the square mileages of the primary service areas as a single primary service area for

1.19 the purposes of calculating EMS responses, response density, and aid payments under this

1.20 section.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Eligible licensees; application process.** (a) Only licensees with a response  
2.2 density of 30 responses per square mile or fewer are eligible for aid payments under this  
2.3 section.

2.4 (b) An eligible licensee may apply to the director, in the form and manner determined  
2.5 by the director, for aid payments under this section.

2.6 Subd. 5. **Director calculations.** (a) Prior to determining an aid payment amount for  
2.7 eligible applicants, the director must make the calculations in paragraphs (b) to (d).

2.8 (b) For each eligible applicant, the director shall determine the amount equal to dividing  
2.9 20 percent of the amount appropriated for aid payments under this section equally among  
2.10 all eligible applicants.

2.11 (c) For each eligible applicant, the director shall determine the amount equal to dividing  
2.12 40 percent of the amount appropriated for aid payments under this section by each eligible  
2.13 applicant's share of the total square mileage of all eligible applicants' primary service areas.  
2.14 For the purposes of both calculating the total square mileage of the primary service areas  
2.15 of all eligible applicants and for calculating each eligible applicant's share of the total, the  
2.16 square mileage of each eligible applicant's primary service area is capped at 1,200 square  
2.17 miles.

2.18 (d) For each eligible applicant, the director shall determine the amount equal to dividing  
2.19 40 percent of the amount appropriated for aid payments under this section by each eligible  
2.20 applicant's share of the total EMS response points awarded according to clauses (1) to (4):

2.21 (1) for EMS response 1 to EMS response 500, a licensee is awarded ten points for each  
2.22 EMS response;

2.23 (2) for EMS response 501 to EMS response 1,500, a licensee is awarded five points for  
2.24 each EMS response;

2.25 (3) for EMS response 1,501 to EMS response 2,500, a licensee is awarded zero points  
2.26 for each EMS response; and

2.27 (4) for EMS response 2,501 and each subsequent EMS response, a licensee's points are  
2.28 reduced by two points for each EMS response, except a licensee's total awarded points must  
2.29 not be reduced below zero.

2.30 Subd. 6. **Aid amount.** The director must make an aid payment to an eligible applicant  
2.31 in the amount equal to the sum of the amounts calculated in subdivision 5, paragraphs (b)  
2.32 to (d).

3.1 Subd. 7. **Eligible uses.** A recipient of an aid payment under this section must spend the  
3.2 money only on expenses incurred in the provision of licensed ambulance services within  
3.3 the recipient's primary service area or areas. A recipient of an aid payment under this section  
3.4 must spend the entire amount within two calendar years after receiving the aid. Any unspent  
3.5 aid must be returned to the director.

3.6 Subd. 8. **Payment date.** The director must certify the aid payment amount for each  
3.7 eligible applicant and must make the full aid payment by December 31 of each calendar  
3.8 year.

3.9 Subd. 9. **Report.** (a) By December 31 of each year following the receipt of an aid payment  
3.10 under this section, a recipient of an aid payment must submit to the director a report  
3.11 summarizing how the recipient used the revenue from the aid payment made in the preceding  
3.12 year.

3.13 (b) By March 31 of each year following the reporting required under paragraph (a), the  
3.14 director must submit to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
3.15 with jurisdiction over the Office of Emergency Medical Services a report summarizing the  
3.16 information provided by aid recipients under paragraph (a).

3.17 Subd. 10. **Appropriation.** \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal  
3.18 year 2027 are appropriated from the general fund to the Office of Emergency Medical  
3.19 Services for aid payments to eligible applicants under this section.