

4690.3400 DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY SERVICE AREA.

Subpart 1. **Declaration; requirements.** An applicant for a new license, for a change in type of service or base of operation, or for expansion of a primary service area must declare the primary service area that it intends to serve and seek designation of that area. A primary service area must contain one base of operation and may contain substations.

Subp. 2. **Reasonableness of primary service area.** In applying for initial designation of a primary service area or for expansion of a primary service area, an applicant must show the reasonableness of the primary service area for which designation is sought according to the following considerations:

A. the average and maximum probable response times in good and severe weather from its proposed base of operation to the most distant boundary in its proposed primary service area; or, if the applicant's primary service area is to contain a base of operation and substations, the average and maximum probable response times in good and severe weather from the base of operation and substations to the most distant point covered by the base of operation;

B. the projected distances to be traveled to provide such service;

C. the specific type of service to be provided;

D. the applicant's current status as a licensed provider of ambulance services to the population of that area; and

E. the applicant's intention to be responsible to the population of the declared primary service area or to a specified group of persons as a source of ambulance service.

Subp. 3. **Maximum primary service area.** The maximum primary service areas designated, as measured from a base of operation or substation, may not exceed:

A. eight miles or ten minutes travel time at maximum allowable speeds, whichever is greater, for proposed primary service areas that include any portion of a city of the first class;

B. 15 miles or 20 minutes travel time at maximum allowable speeds, whichever is greater, for proposed primary service areas that include any portion of a city of the second class; or

C. 25 miles or 30 minutes travel time at maximum allowable speeds, whichever is greater, for proposed primary service areas that do not include any portion of a city of the first or second class.

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