144E.43 DISTRIBUTIONS FROM ACCOUNT.

Subdivision 1. **Award payments.** (a) The director or the director's designee under section 144E.40, subdivision 2, shall pay Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance awards to qualified ambulance service personnel determined to be entitled to an award under section 144E.46 by the director based on the submissions by the various ambulance services. Amounts necessary to pay the Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance award are appropriated from the Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance trust account to the director.

(b) If the state of Minnesota is unable to meet its financial obligations as they become due, the director shall undertake all necessary steps to discontinue paying Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance awards until the state of Minnesota is again able to meet its financial obligations as they become due.

Subd. 2. **General creditors of the state.** The trust account is at all times subject to a levy under an execution of any general creditor of the state of Minnesota, and if no other funds are available to satisfy that levy, the levy has priority for payment from the trust account before any Cooper/Sams volunteer ambulance award.

History: *1Sp1993 c 1 art 9 s 57; 1995 c 207 art 9 s 24; 1997 c 199 s 14; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 50; 2007 c 11 s 1; 2024 c 122 art 1 s 24; 2024 c 127 art 63 s 22*