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Overview

This act allows ambulance services governed by municipalities to participate in shared service purchasing arrangements.

- 1 Hospital and ambulance service shared service purchasing.** Amends § 471.345, subd. 10. Allows ambulance services that are subject to the uniform municipal contracting law and licensed under chapter 144E to participate in shared service purchasing arrangements, in which two or more ambulance services or hospitals can jointly purchase supplies, materials, and equipment. Exempts items purchased through shared service arrangements from competitive bidding requirements, as long as the ambulance services' governing bodies authorize the cooperative arrangements and certain other requirements are met. (In current law, this subdivision allows hospitals to participate in shared service purchasing arrangements with one or more other hospitals.)