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Overview

This bill 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 governed by municipalities and licensed under chapter 144E to participate in shared service purchasing arrangements, in which two or more ambulance services can participate in cooperative arrangements to jointly purchase supplies, materials, and equipment. Exempts items purchased through shared service arrangements from competitive bidding requirements, as long as the municipalities 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.)