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Section

1 Charges for services. Amends § 144E.08.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines “nonurban primary service area” as a primary service area where the majority of the area is located outside of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties, as well as outside of a city with a population greater than 35,000. Provides a definition of “negotiated fee.”

Subd. 2. Authorization. Permits an ambulance service designated to serve nonurban primary service areas to charge a fee to local governments within its primary service area, if the ambulance service has a deficit and the local government has not already paid a fee for the year in which the ambulance service has a deficit. Specifies that determination of a deficit must be determined as provided in subdivision 4.

Subd. 3. Imposition and payment of fees. Requires an ambulance service, in order to impose fees under this section, to determine whether it has a deficit in a given calendar year by March 1 of the following year. Requires allocation of any deficit among local governments within the primary service area that did not pay fees to the ambulance service during the deficit year. Requires local governments to pay imposed fees within 90 days of receipt.

Subd. 4. Determinations by the board. Requires the board to develop formulas to be used by ambulance services in determining whether annual deficits exist and how to allocate fees among local governments.

Provides that this section is effective for charges based on deficits in 2010 and thereafter.