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Overview

This bill establishes an opioid overdose reduction pilot program, in which ambulance services receive grants to fund opioid overdose reduction activities performed by community paramedic teams.

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1 Opioid overdose reduction pilot program. Requires the commissioner of health to allocate grants to ambulance services for opioid overdose reduction activities performed by community paramedic teams.

Subd. 1. Establishment. Directs the commissioner of health to provide grants to ambulance services, for activities by community paramedic teams to reduce opioid overdoses in the state. Community paramedics connect with patients discharged from hospitals after an opioid overdose episode, develop personalized care plans, and provide follow-up.

Subd. 2. Priority areas; services. Directs ambulance services to target services funded under this section to portions of the service area with high levels of opioid use, high death rates from opioid overdoses, and urgent needs for interventions. Lists services to be provided by community paramedic teams.

Subd. 3. Evaluation. Requires an ambulance service receiving a grant to evaluate the project's success in reducing the number of opioid overdoses and deaths among patients who received services, and in reducing the inappropriate use of opioids by patients who received services. Directs the commissioner of health to develop performance measures, and requires ambulance services to report the information

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required by the commissioner to the commissioner and the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services, by December 1, 2019.

- 2** **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$1 million in fiscal year 2019 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the opioid overdose reduction pilot program. Makes the appropriation available until June 30, 2021, and allows up to \$50,000 to be used by the commissioner of health for administration.