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Overview

An intergovernmental transfer (IGT) is a transfer of public dollars between government units. Federal law allows states to use state or local tax dollars transferred from a unit of government to fund their Medicaid programs. This bill expands an existing IGT for ambulance services to include additional ambulance services owned and operated by governmental organizations.

Section

- 1** **Commissioner's duties.** Amends § 256B.196, subd. 2. Allows ambulance services owned and operated by a governmental organization to participate in an existing intergovernmental transfer (IGT) arrangement for ambulance services that currently applies to ambulance services affiliated with Hennepin County Medical Center and the city of St. Paul. Requires the commissioner to determine an upper payment limit for these ambulance services, inform participating governmental entities of the IGTs necessary to match federal Medicaid payments available, and upon receipt of these transfers, to make supplementary payments to these entities equal to the difference between the MA payment rate and the upper payment limit. Provides that tribal governments that operate an ambulance service are not eligible to participate in the IGT arrangement for ambulance services.
- States that the section is effective July 1, 2017, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.