

Subject Aid program for licensed ambulance service providers

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Overview

This bill establishes an aid program in which the commissioner of revenue provides aid to licensed ambulance service providers for use in providing services in their primary service areas.

Summary

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1	Emergency ambulance service aid.
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Establishes an aid program for licensed ambulance service providers, administered by the commissioner of revenue. Makes a onetime appropriation of \$122,500,000 for this program.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms for this section: commissioner, licensed ambulance service provider, license, EMSRB (Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board), and primary service area.

Subd. 2. Eligibility. Provides a licensed ambulance service provider is eligible for aid under this section if the ambulance service provider held an ambulance service license in calendar year 2022, continues to operate under the license in the aids payable calendar year, and applies for aid under subdivision 3.

Subd. 3. Application process. Allows an eligible licensed ambulance service provider to apply to the commissioner for aid, and allows the commissioner to require the ambulance service provider to submit the information needed to make the calculations in subdivision 4. Requires the commissioner and the executive director of the EMSRB to establish a process to verify data submitted in applications.

Subd. 4. Aid amount. For each application, requires the commissioner to subtract from the applicant's net revenue in calendar year 2022 the following: \$34 times the applicant's total reported volunteer hours for calendar year 2022;

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the applicant's total operating expenses in calendar year 2022; and the applicant's total capital expenses in calendar year 2022.

Subd. 5. Eligible uses. Requires a recipient to spend aid on expenses incurred to provide ambulance services within the recipient's primary service area.

Subd. 6. Payment date. Requires the commissioner to certify the aid amount for each licensed ambulance service provider with the EMSRB executive director by December 1, 2024. Requires the commissioner to make the full aid payment by December 26, 2024.

Subd. 7. Report. By December 31, 2025, requires each licensed ambulance service provider that receives aid to report to the commissioner with a summary of how the awarded aid was used.

Subd. 8. Appropriation. Appropriates \$122,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue for aid under this section. Allows the commissioner to retain an amount of the appropriation for administration. Provides this is a onetime appropriation.

Effective date: This section is effective for aids payable in 2024.



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