

**Subject** Community emergency medical technicians

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## Overview

This bill makes changes to the requirements for certification and practice of community emergency medical technicians (CEMTs) and modifies how CEMTs are paid under medical assistance (MA).

A CEMT is an individual who is certified by the Office of Emergency Medical Services as an EMT or advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT), has two years of service as an EMT or AEMT, and completed the required education programs. A CEMT may provide services to patients who have been recently discharged from a hospital or nursing home, who have made multiple ambulance calls for assistance after falls, or who may be at risk of nursing home placement.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Community emergency medical technician.</b></p> <p>Amends § 144E.275, subd. 7. Modifies requirements for the certification and practice of community emergency medical technicians (CEMTs), by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ removing a requirement that the CEMT must be a member of a registered medical response unit or basic life support ambulance service and making conforming changes related to supervision of the CEMT's clinical experience and the physician who establishes protocols and supervisory standards for the CEMT's practice;</li><li>▪ expanding the types of CEMT education programs that are sufficient for CEMT certification, to include programs offered by a health care system providing CEMT care;</li><li>▪ authorizing CEMTs to provide individual patient care and listing services CEMTs may provide;</li></ul> |
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- requiring CEMTs providing services to a patient receiving care coordination services, to provide these services in consultation with providers of the patient’s care coordination services;
- adding to the continuing education requirements for CEMTs, 12 hours of continuing education on topics approved by the program’s medical director; and
- removing language that prohibits CEMTS from providing certain home care services listed in section 144A.471, subdivisions 6 and 7 (assistance with activities of daily living, providing standby assistance, preparing modified diets, assistance with housekeeping tasks, tasks delegated or assigned by licensed health professionals, medication management services, hands-on assistance with transfers and mobility, treatment and therapies, assisting clients with eating if clients have complex eating problems, providing other health care services).

2 **Community emergency medical technician services.**

Amends § 256B.0625, subd. 60a. Modifies how a CEMT is paid under MA, by:

- increasing the payment rate from \$9.75 per 15-minute increment to \$100 per hour, billed at \$25 per 15-minute increment;
- adding mileage reimbursement of \$1.25 per mile traveled to an individual’s home; and
- requiring that a CEMT have a Unique Minnesota Provider Identifier (UMPI) number issued by the commissioner to receive payment under MA.

Makes the section effective January 1, 2026, or upon federal approval, whichever is later.



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