

Amendment to HB 1294, ND EMS Association

SECTION 1. EXEMPTION - AMBULANCE SERVICE OPERATION FUNDING DISTRIBUTION. Notwithstanding section 23-46-04 relating to state financial assistance for emergency medical services, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, the department of health and human services, in consultation with the emergency medical services advisory council, shall provide state financial assistance to each eligible ambulance service operation pursuant to the following calculation:

1. The minimum reasonable budget for each operation must be determined by adding the product of the operation's average number of runs for the two most recent calendar years multiplied by the cost of a run. The cost of a run for this biennium is one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars. If the average runs multiplied by the cost of a run equals less than ~~sixty thousand dollars~~ one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, the minimum reasonable budget for that ambulance service is ~~sixty thousand dollars~~ one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.
2. The operation's grant amount must be determined by deducting the following amounts from the operation's budget calculated under subsection 1:
 - a. The product of the operation's average number of runs for the two most recent calendar years multiplied by the reimbursement for a run. The reimbursement for a run is seven hundred fifty dollars; and
 - b. The product of the property tax valuation of the operation's response area for the most recent taxable year multiplied by five mills. The property tax valuation of the operation's response area must be provided by the county auditor annually no later than July thirty-first. If the response area covers multiple counties, the county auditor with the most response area is responsible for coordinating with the other county auditors.
 - c. The maximum allowable grant calculation shall not exceed two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.