

1. An emergency medical services operation within this state may not operate unless the operation is licensed in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted by the state health council. The rules must include:
 - a. Time when operator's services must be available.
 - b. Type of motor vehicle operator's license needed for drivers of ground vehicles.
 - c. Training standards for operation personnel.
 - d. Equipment and ground vehicle standards.
 - e. Annual license fees.
 - f. Number of personnel required for each run.
 - g. The scope of practice for uncertified drivers, certified personnel, and emergency medical services professionals.
 - h. Performance standards, which may include response time standards.
 - i. Other requirements as may be found necessary to carry out the intent of this chapter.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 23-27-04.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

23-27-04.7. ~~Study of standards of reasonable coverage~~ County reporting - Use of property tax levies.

- ~~1. During the 2007-08 interim, the state health council shall study the minimum requirements of reasonable emergency medical services coverage which must take into account the response time for emergency medical services. Before July 1, 2008, the state health officer shall report to the legislative council the outcome and recommendations of this study.~~
2. The board of county commissioners of every county in this state shall conduct an annual review of the emergency medical services coverage within that county and shall submit an annual report to the state health officer in a format approved by the state department of health.
3. A taxing district that levies property taxes for support of a special emergency medical services or ambulance service levy shall ensure that every ~~emergency medical services operation~~ ambulance service that operates has portions of its service area in that taxing district receives a ~~benefit~~ portion of the revenue from this tax. The taxing district shall allocate the special tax levy revenue to each ambulance service based upon the taxable value of the property within each township of the taxing district, allocating the taxable value of each township to the ambulance service that serves the largest area within that township.

SECTION 4. A new section to chapter 23-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Emergency medical services operation communications. The department may regulate the communications methods and protocols for emergency medical services operations in a manner consistent with the protocols established by the department of emergency services.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2009-10 interim, the emergency medical services funding system within the state, including state and local emergency medical services and ambulance

services funding and the feasibility and desirability of transitioning to a statewide funding formula. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly.