



EMS Regional Service Designation

Department of Health

Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$7,740,000 for the identification and designation of EMS service areas based on population, historic call volumes, social determinants of health, and prevention activities to ensure availability of emergency medical services in all regions of the state. There are 125 ambulance services in the state; the majority of services rely on volunteers for staff. Declining volunteerism across the state is imperiling the provision of EMS services, and new solutions need to be developed at the community level.

Programs

\$240,000 will be used to engage with a contractor to conduct a pre-hospital healthcare economic analysis to identify regional service areas to ensure future availability of emergency medical services.

\$7,500,000 will be allocated to fund sustainability grants to designated service areas. Grants will fund planning and other one-time expenses to develop and implement sustainable EMS services. Eligible activities will include local fiscal analysis and modeling, community engagement, workforce development, and other regional service development.