



EMS Telehealth Service

Department of Health

Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$1,737,500 in ARPA funding and \$937,500 in ongoing general funds to provide for the implementation of telehealth services in Emergency Medical Services throughout South Dakota.

Program

Telehealth services will allow collaboration between hospital medical professionals and EMS personnel to improve efficiencies in patient assessment, treatment, and transportation to definitive care centers. Connecting physicians and nursing staff with EMS personnel would ensure critically sick or injured patients receive the most appropriate treatment and access to definitive care as quickly as possible.

Funding

\$300,000 in one-time funding would be used to purchase technology with Wi-Fi and/or cellular enabled for access to the telehealth service.

\$500,000 in one-time funding would be used to ensure implementation of telehealth services and training of EMS agencies and personnel.

\$187,500 would be used to provide unlimited data, software licensure for video and device management and extended service and replacement warranties on devices on an annual basis.

\$750,000 in one-time funding would be used to purchase telehealth service subscriptions for EMS services on an annual basis.