

1 **UTAH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**
2 **SYSTEM ACT AMENDMENTS**

3 2010 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell**

6 House Sponsor: Paul Ray

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies the Utah Emergency Medical Services System Act by changing the
11 distributions of monies allocated for grants that assist with the delivery of emergency
12 medical services.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This bill:

- 15 ▶ expands the coverage area for allocating grants to assist with the delivery of
16 emergency services from certain rural areas of the state to the entire state;
17 ▶ permits the State Emergency Medical Services Committee to determine what
18 percentage of the funds will be used as per capita block grants; and
19 ▶ makes technical changes.

20 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 AMENDS:

26 **26-8a-207**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 82

28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **26-8a-207** is amended to read:

30 **26-8a-207. Emergency medical services grant program.**

31 [~~(1)~~ As used in this section:]

32 [~~(a)~~ "Rural area" means an exclusive geographic service area as provided under
33 Section 26-8a-402 that is a city, town, or other similar community with a population of 10,000
34 or less based on the most recently published data of the United States Census Bureau.]

35 [~~(b)~~ "Rural county area" means an exclusive geographic service area as provided under
36 Section 26-8a-402 that is a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class as provided under Section
37 17-50-501.]

38 [~~(2)~~] (1) (a) The department shall receive as dedicated credits the amount established
39 in Section 51-9-403. That amount shall be transferred to the department by the Division of
40 Finance from funds generated by the surcharge imposed under Title 51, Chapter 9, Part 4,
41 Criminal Conviction Surcharge Allocation.

42 (b) Funds transferred to the department under this section shall be used for
43 improvement of delivery of emergency medical services and administrative costs as described
44 in Subsection [~~(3)~~] (2)(a). Appropriations to the department for the purposes enumerated in
45 this section shall be made from those dedicated credits.

46 (c) All funding for the program created by this section shall be nonlapsing.

47 [~~(3)~~] (2) (a) The department may use the funds transferred to it under Subsection [~~(2)~~]
48 (1):

49 (i) to provide staff support; and

50 (ii) for other expenses incurred in:

51 (A) administration of grant funds; and

52 (B) other department administrative costs under this chapter.

53 (b) After funding staff support, administrative expenses, and trauma system
54 development, the department and the committee shall make emergency medical services grants
55 from the remaining funds received as dedicated credits under Subsection [~~(2)~~] (1). A recipient
56 of a grant under this Subsection [~~(3)~~] (2)(b) must actively provide emergency medical services
57 within[?] the state.

58 ~~[(i) a rural area; or]~~

59 ~~[(ii) a rural county area.]~~

60 (c) The department shall distribute ~~[50%]~~ not less than 25% of the funds, with the
61 percentage being authorized by a majority vote of the committee, as per capita block grants for
62 use specifically related to the provision of emergency medical services to nonprofit prehospital
63 emergency medical services providers that are either licensed or designated and to emergency
64 medical services that are the primary emergency medical services for a service area. The
65 department shall determine the grant amounts by prorating available funds on a per capita
66 basis by county as described in department rule.

67 (d) The committee shall award the remaining funds as competitive grants for use
68 specifically related to the provision of emergency medical services based upon rules
69 established by the committee.