



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2023-2025 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

GENERAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Epinephrine for ambulances

This bill requires that DHS reimburse ambulance service providers for a set of two epinephrine auto-injectors or a set of two draw-up epinephrine kits for each ambulance operating in the state. Under the bill, an ambulance service provider means an ambulance service provider that is a public agency, volunteer fire department, or nonprofit corporation. The bill also requires that, on an ongoing basis, DHS must, upon request, reimburse ambulance service providers for replacement sets of epinephrine auto-injectors or draw-up epinephrine kits. DHS may only reimburse ambulance service providers for epinephrine if each ambulance for which the ambulance service provider is reimbursed is staffed with an emergency medical services provider who is qualified to administer the epinephrine.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 256.158 of the statutes is created to read:

256.158 Epinephrine for ambulances. (1) In this section:

(a) “Ambulance service provider” means an ambulance service provider that is a public agency, volunteer fire department, or nonprofit corporation.

(b) “Draw-up epinephrine” means epinephrine that is administered intramuscularly using a needle and syringe and drawn up from a vial or ampule.

(c) “Draw-up epinephrine kit” means a single-use vial or ampule of draw-up epinephrine and a syringe for administration to a patient.

(d) “Epinephrine auto-injector” means a device for the automatic injection of epinephrine into the human body.

(2) From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (b), the department shall reimburse ambulance service providers for a set of 2 epinephrine auto-injectors or a set of 2 draw-up epinephrine kits for each ambulance operating in the state. On an ongoing basis, the department shall, upon request from an ambulance service provider, reimburse the ambulance service provider for a replacement set of 2 epinephrine auto-injectors or a set of 2 draw-up epinephrine kits. The department shall allow the ambulance service provider to choose between epinephrine auto-injectors and draw-up epinephrine kits. The department may not reimburse an ambulance service provider for epinephrine unless each ambulance for which the ambulance service provider is reimbursed is staffed with an emergency medical services practitioner who is qualified to administer the provided epinephrine.

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