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2023 SENATE BILL 782

December 8, 2023 - Introduced by Senators Spreitzer, Smith, Agard, Hesselbein, Jacque, Pfaff and Taylor, cosponsored by Representatives Vining, C. Anderson, J. Anderson, Baldeh, Clancy, Considine, Drake, Emerson, Jacobson, Joers, Madison, Ohnstad, Ortiz-Velez, Palmeri, Ratcliff, Shankland, Sinicki and Stubbs. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 AN ACT to create 20.435 (1) (ck) and 256.158 of the statutes; relating to:

epinephrine for ambulances and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires that the Department of Health Services 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 service provider who is qualified to administer the epinephrine.

For further information see the state and local 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:

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20.435 **(1)** (ck) *Epinephrine for ambulances*. A sum sufficient for the department of health services to reimburse ambulance service providers for epinephrine under s. 256.158.

Section 2. 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.
- (2) From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (ck), 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.