



Updates on the Statewide EMS System

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Update Topics

- New office structure and standup
- Update on aid program implementation from last session
- Future plans

New Office Structure and Standup



Changes to the EMS regulatory structure as a result of legislation from last term



Elimination of the former Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

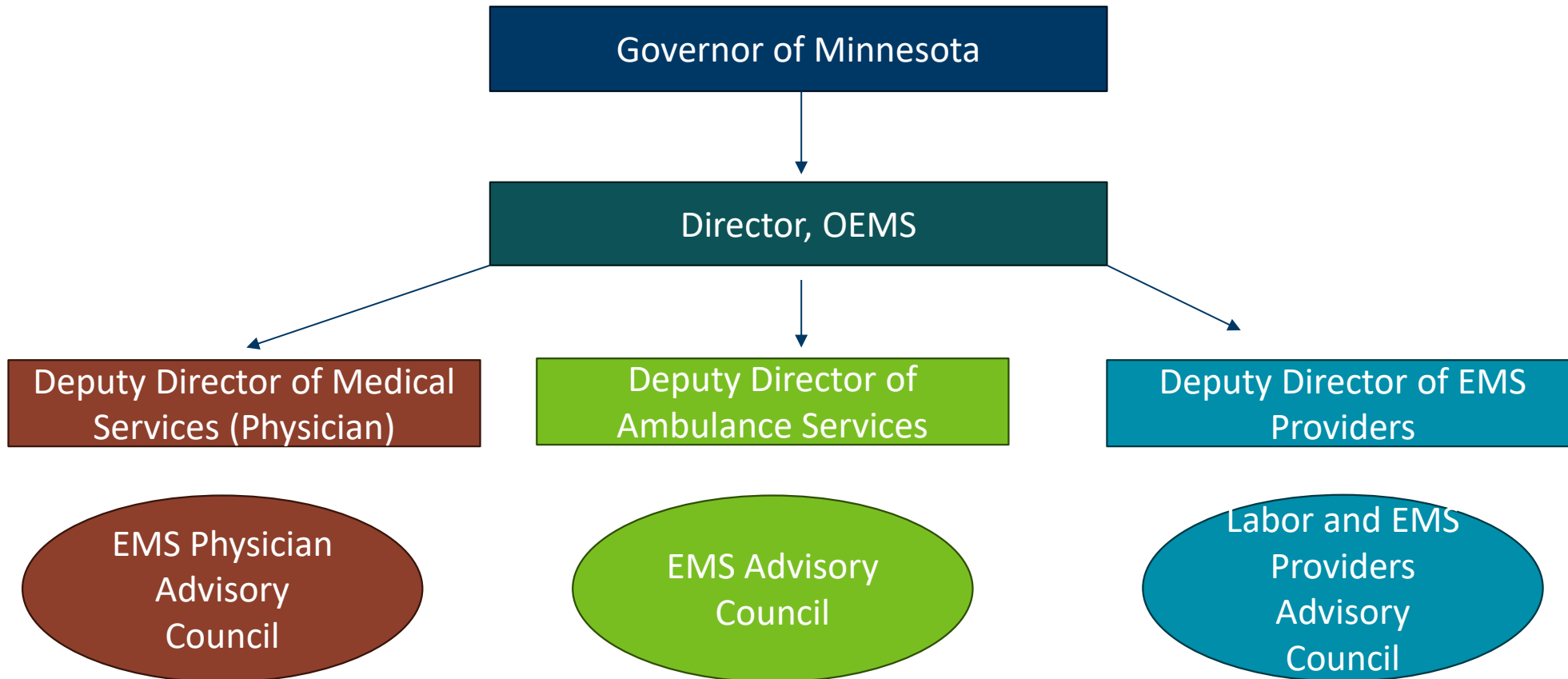


Office of EMS was created by legislation



Governor now appoints OEMS Director as opposed to 19 board members

Office of EMS



- Deputy Director Appointments
 - Charles Soucheray
 - Pattie Forsberg
 - Appointment of the Deputy Director of Medical Services is pending
- All advisory councils met last week for their first meetings
 - Provided valuable insight and ideas on several items that will help in establishing the State EMS Strategic Plan
- Transition to date has focused on minimizing disruption in transition and maintaining efficient and quality service that has been strengthened over the last 3-5 years

Budget Request

OEMS is working hard to implement all the components of the EMS changes from last session and to do so as efficiently as possible.

Included in the Governors budget proposal is a request for a small increase to OEMS general operating base.

\$35,000 in SFY26

\$70,000 in SFY27

Additional responsibilities assigned to the agency in addition to cost increases for purchased services and contracted rates necessitated the request

Emergency Ambulance Aid Program



\$24,000,000 in aid distributed to Minnesota licensed ambulance services via a formula-based model

Square mileage of service area (40%)
Number of EMS calls for service (40%)
Based amount for each service (20%)



Very smooth disbursement process

Department of Revenue release payments on December 26th

Emergency Ambulance Aid Program

- The amounts distributed to each ambulance service can be found [here](#)
- Funding can be used for operational and capital expenses for ambulance services.
 - Detailed guidance on acceptable uses was provided to ambulance service license owners and can be found [here](#)
 - Funding spent or encumbered by 12/31/2025
 - OEMS is working to finalize reporting guidance.
 - Spending reports due 02/15/2026

Aid Distribution by EMS Region

EMS Region	Aid Payments
Central	\$3 Million
Metro	\$1 Million
Northeast	\$4.6 Million
Northwest	\$3.5 Million
South Central	\$2.2 Million
Southeast	\$3 Million
Southwest	\$4.2 Million
West Central	\$2.1 Million

Alternate EMS Response Model Pilot

- Sprint Paramedic Program
- Legislatively Directed Grant of \$6 million
 - Otter Tail County
 - St. Louis County
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 - Grant executed
 - \$300,000 expended
 - Preparing to go live with operations
- St. Louis County
 - Still awaiting grant application

Future Plans



Formation of statewide EMS strategic plan which will identify future work and current unmet needs.



Funding

Support and inform efforts to ensure EMS sustainability, identifying ways to support the EMS cost of readiness.

Continue to work to quantify the overall cost of the statewide EMS system.



Rulemaking

Updating ground ambulance vehicle standards, current version is from 1983.

Providing additional medication options for BLS ambulance services



EMS Workforce

Quantifying recruitment goals based on current need

Protect EMS workforce with data collection related to violence against EMS providers and ambulance crashes, to better inform future policy decisions

Continue to support various EMS education and scholarship programs

Thank You!

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