

AMBULANCE SERVICE: BEYOND THE CRISIS



This is **not** a new problem!

2002

MN Department of Health – “Quiet Crisis”

Rural ambulance services at risk

2015

MAA/Greater NW EMS Region – Rural EMS Summit

Workforce & funding

2016

MN Department of Health – Rural EMS Sustainability Survey

Rural EMS is not sustainable

2022

MN OLA – Report on Emergency Ambulance Services

System is broken; EMSRB

2022

Center for Rural Policy and Development Report

- Recruitment/retention
- Lacking equipment
- Disparities in service levels
- Longer travel times to definitive care
- Significant lack of economies of scale in Greater MN
- Lack of formal staffing and/or professional management
- Siloed agencies
- Need for a flexible approach

Minnesota EMS Regions



ROOT CAUSE? = Failure of Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement systems!

Ground Ambulance Service **Costs**

Total operating costs	(\$455,627,710)
Total insurance revenues (93% of all reported revenues)	\$449,906,842
Reported annual capital expenses	(\$60,661,960)
Volunteer labor subsidy	(\$55,789,657)
Net total reported operating deficit statewide in CY 2022	(\$122,172,485)

Deficits by **EMS District**

Central EMS District	(\$14,556,229)
Metro EMS District	(\$37,824,109)
Northeast EMS District	(\$13,932,575)
Northwest EMS District	(\$5,725,300)
South Central EMS District	(\$6,621,280)
Southeast EMS District	(\$14,031,611)
Southwest EMS District	(\$20,244,885)
West Central EMS District	(\$9,236,685)