

Required Report on EMS Waivers Pursuant to HF 4065

This report is filed by the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) to fulfill requirements outlined under Subdivision 6 of Section 23 of HF4065, which was signed into law on June 2, 2022. This report is being transmitted to the Chairs and Ranking minority member of the respective Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committees as required by law. It is also being transmitted to the legislative ex-officio members of the EMSRB.

All information contained in this report is true and correct as of 10:00 A.M. on December 27, 2022. The next required report is due March 31, 2022

Process to Date

HF 4065 was signed into law on June 2, 2022, a portion of this bill provided EMS agencies across Minnesota with more flexible options from a regulatory perspective in the areas of minimum staffing, the use of expired medications and equipment, and the ability to on a temporary basis utilize expired personnel to meet minimum staffing requirements. Utilization of any such waiver required notification to the EMSRB, and subsequent reporting to specific members of the legislature.

On June 3, 2022, the effective date of the legislation the EMSRB emailed a memo to all ambulance agencies in the state information on the implementation of these waivers, including all forms that would need to be completed and sent to the EMSRB.

Usage of Minimum Staffing Waiver

One EMS service serving the Tri-County EMS District PSA with a BLS license, has filed for the staffing waiver as outlined in Subdivision 3 of Section 23. They intend to utilize the waiver through December 31, 2023, and to do so on up to four (4) ambulances.

One EMS service serving the Orr PSA with a BLS license, has filed for the staffing waiver as outlined in Subdivision 3 of Section 23. They intend to utilize the waiver through December 31, 2023, and to do so on up to two (2) ambulances.

One EMS service serving the Cokato PSA with a BLS license, has filed for the staffing waiver as outlined in Subdivision 3 of Section 23. They intend to utilize the waiver through December 31, 2023, and to do so on up to one (1) ambulance.

Usage of Medication/Equipment Waiver

Three EMS services have submitted the required form to utilize expired medication/supplies but has not yet reported any specific utilization of this waiver.

Usage of Expired Personnel

The EMRB received no requests for the usage of expired personnel.

Summary

The legislative waivers have been in effect for approximately four (7) months as of the date of this report. As time has elapsed and more EMS services have become aware of their options the EMSRB has seen an increase in the usage of the staffing waiver. To date approximately 6% of the PSAs/EMS licenses in Minnesota have indicated utilization of a staffing waiver. Please direct any inquires related to the content of this report to Dylan Ferguson Executive Director of the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



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