

Final 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 08:20 A.M. on December 27, 2023. **This is the final report that is required related to this legislation. All waivers that were issued under this program will expire at 00:01 on January 1, 2024.**

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 Springfield PSA with an ALS 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.

One EMS service serving the Ridgeview PSA with an ALS 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

There were no new applications for this waiver during the reporting period.

Usage of Expired Personnel

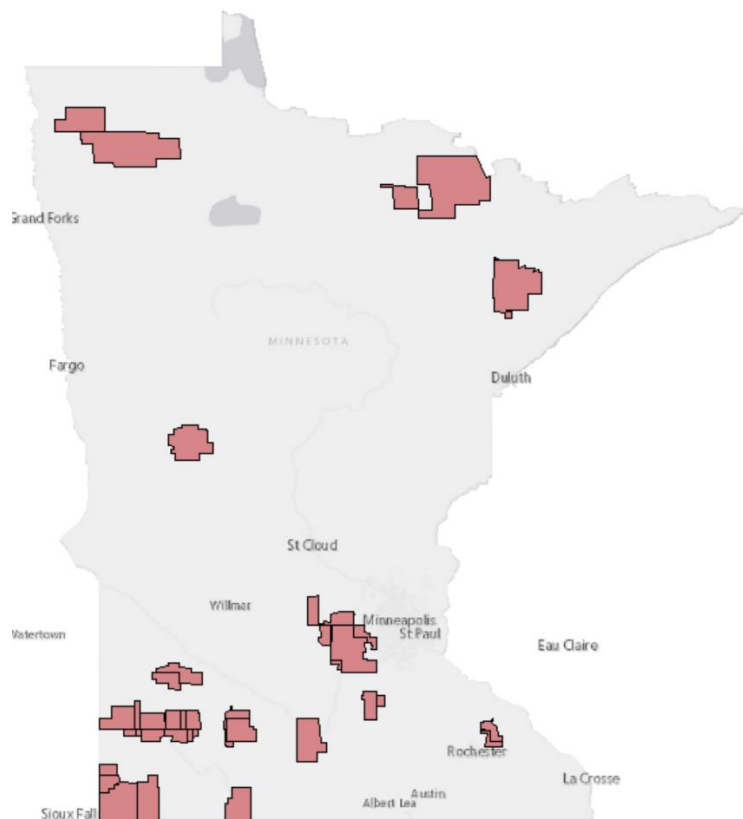
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Program Summary

Throughout the 18 months of the program there were a total of 19 different staffing waivers that were reported to the Board and utilizing the waiver provisions of this legislation. This represents approximately 10% of Minnesota’s licensed ambulance services. All of these waivers expire on January 1, 2024 as this program was not extended by the legislature in the last legislative session.

Unlike the staffing waivers, there were a de minimis number of requests to utilize the available waivers for expired medication/equipment and the usage of personnel with an expired credential.

A map identifying the geographic usage of the staffing waivers as reported to the Board is included below.



Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dylan J. Ferguson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dylan" and last name "Ferguson" clearly distinguishable.

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