

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACCOUNT**

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*[Editor's Notes follow the text of the rules at the end of this CCR Document.]*

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**Section 1 - Statement of Basis and Purpose**

The General Assembly of the State of Colorado in Section 25-3.5-102, CRS, recognized the importance of an efficient and reliable statewide emergency medical and trauma network for the promotion of health, safety, and welfare of Colorado residents and visitors. The assembly further amended the statute to include the creation of an Emergency Medical Services Account (Section 25-3.5-601, CRS) and specified that funds from said account shall be utilized by local emergency medical and trauma service providers in order to improve the statewide emergency medical and trauma network.

**Section 2 - Definitions**

As used in these regulations, the words and terms in this section shall have the meaning as set forth herein unless the context clearly requires a different meaning.

- 2.1 All definitions that apply to Section 25-3.5-602, C.R.S. apply to these rules.
- 2.2 "Contract" - The document between the Department and applicant chosen as a recipient of funds from the Emergency Medical Service Account. The contract describes the terms and conditions of the award agreement.
- 2.3 "Council" - The State Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Council created in Section 25-3.5-104, C.R.S.
- 2.4 "Emergency Account" - Funds set aside pursuant to Section 25-3.5-603(3)(a)(II)(A), C.R.S. for unexpected emergencies that arise after the deadline for grant applications has passed or those circumstances that require immediate attention or action.
- 2.5 "Emergency Medical and Trauma Services" - Planning, training and services needed to prevent, respond to and treat an injury or sudden illness particularly when there is a threat to life or long-term functional abilities.

**Section 3 - Emergency Medical and Trauma Service Funding**

- 3.1 In order to be eligible for emergency medical and trauma service funding, an applicant must be able to demonstrate:
  - A) That the funds requested are for the provision of emergency medical and trauma services, and
  - B) Will be used to maintain or upgrade the access to and/or quality of emergency medical and trauma services within the state.

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- 3.2 Applications must be submitted in the format required by the Department prior to the announced deadlines.
- 3.3 To be considered, applications must
- A) Be complete and
  - B) Be submitted in the manner specified in the announcement.
- 3.4 All applications will be subject to verification by the Department.
- 3.4.1 Verification shall include:
- A) A review of the application for completeness and compliance with the requirements specified in the application, and
  - B) A review of the applicant's eligibility as set forth in these regulations.
- 3.4.2 Any application found to be inconsistent with the requirements specified in paragraphs A) and B) will be rejected and the applicant will be notified of the rejection.
- 3.5 The Department, in consultation with the Council, shall establish requirements for matching funds from applicants prior to the opening of each grant cycle. These requirements will be provided in the application process.
- 3.6 Any application received that does not meet the matching funds requirement specified in the application will be rejected unless the applicant requests a waiver of the matching funds.
- 3.6.1 The Council shall establish a committee to review all applications requesting a waiver of the matching funds requirement. The committee will evaluate each application requesting a waiver to determine whether the applicant has successfully demonstrated that local matching funds are not available.
- 3.6.2 Any application that does not receive a waiver from the Council will not be eligible for funding.
- 3.7 To provide a fair and impartial review and evaluation of the applications, the Council shall establish review committees of members designated by the Council. Each committee will review and evaluate applications and submit recommendations to the Department.
- 3.8 The Department shall provide final review and prioritization of the applications and make awards based upon:
- A) Priorities established by statute,
  - B) Recommendations from the Council,
  - C) Substantiated need of the applicant, and
  - D) Effect upon the emergency medical and trauma system should funds not be awarded.
- 3.9 The Department, in consultation with the Council, may, within statutory limitations, reestablish funding priorities for the Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Funding Program to address specific needs related to the maintaining and upgrading of the Colorado emergency medical and trauma services system.

- 3.10 A letter of intent to award funds to an applicant is only an offer to enter into a funding contract, and not an actual funding obligation on the part of the Department. Only when a contract listing conditions of the award is accepted and, if applicable signed by all parties, will any formal obligation be recognized or funds disbursed.

**Section 4 - Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Emergency Funding**

- 4.1 Application for funds from the Emergency Account may be submitted to the Department at any time. Unless waived by the Department because of extreme emergency or need for immediate action, the application must be submitted in the format approved by the Department and shall contain:
- A) Evidence of financial need or hardship;
  - B) A detailed description of the emergency, to include causation, resolution, and the effect on local delivery of emergency medical and trauma services if funding is not provided; and
  - C) The methods explored by the applicant to resolve the crisis other than funding from the Emergency Account.
- 4.2 In addition to meeting the standard grant eligibility requirements, the emergency fund applicant must be able to demonstrate:
- A) That the request for funds is for an unexpected emergency and
  - B) If the funds are not received, access to and/or quality of local emergency medical services will be seriously hindered or eliminated.

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**Editor's Notes**

**History**

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