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To: All Wisconsin EMS Healthcare Professionals

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### SFY2019 EMS Funding Assistance Program information

**RE: Ambulance Service Providers are now able to support emergency medical responder (EMR) services through the SFY2019 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Funding Assistance Program.**

The 1989 Wis. Act 102 created the original EMS Funding Assistance Program to provide supplemental funding for emergency medical services, with a large portion of this funding allocated to assist with initial and refresher EMS training. Per Wis. Stat. § 256.12(4)(a), **these funds are distributed to transporting ambulance services.**

Recognizing the significant role that EMR services play in supporting the state EMS system, 2017 Wis. Act 96 amended Wis. Stat. § 256.12(5)(a) and created Wis. Stat. § 256.12(5)(am). These changes will allow eligible transporting ambulance services to assist partnering EMR services with further distribution of their state fiscal year 2019 funds to:

- a) Purchase training required for licensure and renewal of licensure as an emergency medical technician under Wis. Stat. § 256.15(6).
- b) Purchase training required for certification and renewal of certification as an emergency medical responder under Wis. Stat. § 256.15(8).
- c) Pay for administration of the examination required for licensure or renewal of licensure as an emergency medical technician under Wis. Stat. § 256.15(6)(a)3 and (b)1.
- d) Pay for administration of the certification or renewal of certification as an emergency medical responder under Wis. Stat. § 256.15(8).

In addition, per Wis. Stat. § 256.12(5)(am), **an ambulance service provider may use escrowed training funds to purchase training required for initial or renewal certification/licensure or pay for administration of the examination required for initial or renewal certification/licensure for any level of licensure.**

Over the past several years, the EMS Funding Assistance Program has distributed \$1.96 million annually to approximately 350 EMS services. Please watch for further information and details about this funding opportunity later this month. The Wisconsin EMS office will be mailing details and posting them to the [Wisconsin EMS webpage](#) as they become available.

Any questions regarding the EMS Funding Assistance Program should be directed to Paul Wittkamp, WI EMS Section, P.O. Box 2659, Madison, Wisconsin 53701-2659, by [email](#) at Paul.Wittkamp@dhs.wisconsin.gov or by phone at 608-261-9306.