



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Program

- The bill requires DHHS to employ dedicated staff for the sole purpose of expanding the GEMT program.
- DHHS estimates this will cost \$55,244 in FY26.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 249A.5)

Requires DHHS to employ dedicated staff for the sole purpose of expanding the GEMT program. The staff will provide technical assistance, actuary support, and Medicaid enrollment assistance to any eligible GEMT provider. Requires DHHS to develop a GEMT program to ensure access to EMS throughout the state.

Requires DHHS to submit a report to the legislature every December regarding the number of GEMT providers enrolled in the program, the number of GEMT providers that DHHS assisted in the prior fiscal year, and barriers to enrolment.