

1. The director shall establish within the department a program to provide to eligible hospitals, clinics, or other health care facilities, ~~or health care referral programs, or charitable organizations,~~ free medical services given on a voluntary basis by ~~physicians licensed under chapter 148, 150, or 150A~~ health care providers. A participating physician health care provider shall register with the department and obtain from the department a list of eligible, participating hospitals, clinics, or other health care facilities, ~~or health care referral programs, or charitable organizations.~~

2. The department, in consultation with the department of human services, shall adopt rules to implement the volunteer physician health care provider program which shall include the following:

a. Procedures for registration of physicians health care providers deemed qualified by the board of medical examiners, ~~the board of physician assistant examiners, and the board of nursing.~~

b. Criteria for and identification of hospitals, clinics, or other health care facilities, ~~or health care referral programs, or charitable organizations,~~ eligible to participate in the provision of free medical services through the volunteer physician health care provider program. A health care facility, a health care referral program, a charitable organization, or a health care provider participating in the program shall not bill or charge a patient for any physician health care provider service provided under the volunteer physician health care provider program.

3. A physician health care provider providing free care under this section shall be considered an employee of the state under chapter 669 and shall be afforded protection as an employee of the state under section 669.21, provided that the physician health care provider has done all of the following:

a. Registered with the department pursuant to subsection 1.

b. Provided medical services through a hospital, clinic, or other health care facility, ~~or health care referral program, or charitable organization~~ listed as eligible and participating by the department pursuant to subsection 1.

4. For the purposes of this section, "health care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 148, 150, or 150A, a physician assistant licensed and practicing under a supervising physician pursuant to chapter 148C, a licensed practical nurse, or a registered nurse.

5. For the purposes of this section, "charitable organization" means a charitable organization within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code which has as its primary purpose the sponsorship or support of programs designed to improve the quality, awareness, and availability of medical services to children and to serve as a funding mechanism for provision of medical services, including but not limited to immunizations, to children in this state.

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CHAPTER 122

TRANSFER OF DOGS FROM POUNDS TO INSTITUTIONS

S.F. 79

AN ACT relating to the transfer of dogs to educational and scientific institutions by pounds.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 145B.3, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:
145B.3 DOGS HELD FOR REDEMPTION BY OWNER.

An institution so authorized by the Iowa department of public health may request dogs from a pound. The pound ~~shall~~ may tender to such institution ~~all~~ dogs in its custody seized or held by authority of the state, municipality, or other political subdivision, ~~except that no.~~ However, a dog shall not be so tendered unless it has been held for redemption by its owner or for sale for a period of not less than three nor more than fifteen days ~~and no.~~ A dog lawfully licensed at the time of its seizure shall not be so tendered unless its owner ~~shall so consent~~ consents in writing. ~~No dogs, except those actually~~ Unless a dog is sick or injured or those lawfully licensed at the time of seizure, a pound shall be destroyed by a pound not destroy a dog while a request to that pound of an authorized institution to that pound is unfulfilled unless first tendered to such institution and refused by it pending.

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CHAPTER 123

PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BY TOWNSHIPS

S.F. 280

AN ACT authorizing townships to provide emergency medical services.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 359.42, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

359.42 TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE, EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM, AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The trustees of each township shall provide fire protection service for the township, exclusive of any part of the township within a benefited fire district and, ~~in counties not providing ambulance services,~~ may provide ambulance emergency medical service. The trustees may purchase, own, rent, or maintain fire protection service or ~~ambulance emergency medical~~ service apparatus or equipment or both kinds of apparatus or equipment and provide housing for the equipment. The trustees of a township which is located within a county having a population of three hundred thousand or more may also establish and maintain an emergency warning system within the township. The trustees may contract with a public or private agency under chapter 28E for the purpose of providing any service or system required or authorized under this section.

Sec. 2. Section 359.43, subsection 1, Code 1995, is amended to read as follows:

1. The township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding forty and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of the taxable property in the township, excluding property within a benefited fire district or within the corporate limits of a city, for the purpose of exercising the powers and duties specified in section 359.42. However, in a township having a fire protection service or ambulance emergency medical service agreement or both service agreements with a special charter city having a paid fire department, the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding fifty-four cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property for the services authorized or required under section 359.42 and in a township which is located within a county having a population of three hundred thousand or more, the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding sixty-seven and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of taxable property for the services authorized or required under section 359.42.

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