

**605—10.9 (3A) E911 emergency communications fund.**

**10.9(1)** Wireless E911 surcharge money, collected and remitted by wireless service providers, shall be placed in a fund within the state treasury under the control of the director.

**10.9(2)** Iowa Code section 8.33 shall not apply to moneys in the fund. Moneys earned as income, including as interest, from the fund shall remain in the fund until expended as provided in this subrule. However, moneys in the fund may be combined with other moneys in the state treasury for purposes of investment.

**10.9(3)** Moneys in the fund shall be expended and distributed in the order and manner as follows:

*a.* An amount as appropriated by the general assembly shall be allocated to the homeland security and emergency management department for implementation, support, and maintenance of the functions of the E911 program and to employ the auditor of the state to perform an annual audit of the wireless E911 emergency communications fund.

*b.* The program manager shall allocate 10 percent of the total amount of surcharge generated per calendar quarter to wireless carriers to recover their costs to deliver wireless E911 phase I services as defined in the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Docket 94-102 and further defined in the FCC's letter to King County, Washington, dated May 7, 2001. If this allocation is insufficient to reimburse all wireless carriers for the wireless service provider's eligible expenses, the program manager shall allocate a prorated amount to each wireless carrier equal to the percentage of the provider's eligible expenses as compared to the total of all eligible expenses for all wireless carriers for the calendar quarter during which expenses were submitted. When prorated expenses are paid, the remaining unpaid expenses shall no longer be eligible for payment under this paragraph. This allocation is for the period beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2026.

*c.* The program manager shall reimburse local communications service providers on a calendar quarter basis for their expenses for transport costs between the wireless E911 selective router and the public safety answering points related to the delivery of wireless E911 service.

*d.* The program manager shall reimburse local communications service providers and third-party E911 automatic location information (ALI) database providers on a calendar quarter basis for the costs of maintaining and upgrading the E911 components and functionalities between the input and output points of the wireless E911 selective router. This includes the wireless E911 selective router and the automatic location information (ALI) database.

*e.* A minimum of \$1,000 per calendar quarter shall be allocated for each public safety answering point with the E911 service area of the department of public safety or joint E911 service board that has submitted a written request to the program manager. The written request shall be made with the Request for Wireless E911 Fund form contained in the Wireless NG911 Implementation and Operations Plan. The request is due to the program manager on May 15, or the next business day, of each year.

The amount allocated under 10.9(3) "e" shall be 46 percent of the total amount of surcharge generated per calendar quarter. The minimum amount allocated to the department of public safety and the joint E911 service boards shall be \$1,000 per PSAP operated by the respective authority. Additional funds shall be allocated as follows:

(1) Sixty-five percent of the total dollars available for allocation shall be allocated in proportion to the square miles of the E911 service area to the total square miles in the state.

(2) Thirty-five percent of the total dollars available for allocation shall be allocated in proportion to the wireless E911 calls answered at the public safety answering point in the E911 service area to the total of wireless E911 calls originating in the state.

(3) Funds allocated under 10.9(3) "e" shall be deposited in the E911 service fund and shall be used for communications equipment utilized by the public safety answering points for the implementation and maintenance of E911 services.

*f.* If moneys remain after all obligations under 10.9(3) "a" to "e," as listed above, have been fully paid, the remainder may be accumulated as a carryover operating surplus. The program manager, in consultation with the E911 communications council, shall allocate an amount, not to exceed \$100,000

per fiscal year, for development of public awareness and educational programs for personnel responsible for the maintenance, operation, and upgrading of local E911 systems, and for the expenses of members of the E911 communications council for travel, monthly meetings, and training. Payments from this allocation shall be made in accordance with department policy and procedures. Remaining moneys shall be used to fund future network improvements and public safety answering point improvements related to the receipt and disposition of the 911 call. These moneys may also be used for wireless service providers' transport costs related to wireless E911 phase II services, if those costs are not otherwise recovered by the wireless service provider's customer billing or other sources and are approved by the program manager. Any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the state but shall remain available for the purposes of the fund.

**10.9(4)** Payments to local communications service providers and wireless service providers shall be made quarterly, based on original, itemized claims or invoices presented within 20 days of the end of the calendar quarter. Claims or invoices not submitted within 20 days of the end of the calendar quarter are not eligible for reimbursement and may not be included in future claims and invoices. Payments to providers shall be made in accordance with these rules and the State Accounting Policy and Procedures Manual.

**10.9(5)** Local communications service providers shall be reimbursed for only those items and services that are defined as eligible in the enhanced wireless 911 service plan and when initiation of service has been ordered and authorized by the E911 program manager.

**10.9(6)** If it is found that an overpayment has been made to an entity, the E911 program manager shall attempt recovery of the debt from the entity by certified letter. Due diligence shall be documented and retained at the homeland security and emergency management department. If resolution of the debt does not occur and the debt is at least \$50, the homeland security and emergency management department will then utilize the income offset program through the department of revenue. Until resolution of the debt has occurred, the homeland security and emergency management department may withhold future payments to the entity.

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