

House File 459 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to improving the system of care for heart
2 attack patients throughout the state, and making an
3 appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. HEART ATTACK TREATMENT — APPROPRIATION. There
2 is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
3 department of public health for the fiscal year beginning July
4 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following amount, or
5 so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
6 designated:

7 For a collaborative effort between the department of public
8 health, the Iowa emergency medical services association, the
9 American heart association, midwest affiliate, Iowa's health
10 systems and hospitals, and emergency medical service providers,
11 to supplement funding received through a grant from the Leona
12 M. and Harry B. Helmsley charitable trust for a program to
13 enhance systems of care, save lives, and improve outcomes
14 for heart attack patients in rural Iowa called the mission:
15 lifeline program:

16 \$ 1,000,000

17 Funds appropriated under this section shall be used to
18 enhance the critical elements of an optimal ST-elevated
19 myocardial infarction (STEMI) system of care including the
20 provision of 12-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) machines, the
21 provision of a systemwide data tool for quality measurement
22 and improvement, ongoing medical provider training and STEMI
23 education, coordination of protocols for rural emergency
24 management systems and hospital personnel, the implementation
25 of regional plans for rapid transport and transfer of patients,
26 the implementation of a public education campaign on heart
27 attack signs and symptoms and the need to activate the 911
28 system, and the provision of assistance to hospitals and
29 emergency medical services providers in acquiring essential
30 electrocardiogram equipment and training.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill appropriates \$1 million to the department
35 of public health (DPH) for FY 2015-2016 to be used for a

1 collaborative effort between DPH, the Iowa emergency medical
2 services association, the American heart association, midwest
3 affiliate, Iowa's health systems and hospitals, and emergency
4 medical services providers, to supplement funding received
5 through a grant from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley
6 charitable trust for the mission: lifeline program. The
7 funds are to be used to enhance the critical elements of an
8 optimal ST-elevated myocardial infarction (STEMI) system of
9 care including the provision of 12-lead electrocardiogram
10 (EKG) machines, the provision of a systemwide data tool for
11 quality measurement and improvement, ongoing medical provider
12 training and STEMI education, coordination of protocols for
13 rural emergency management systems and hospital personnel,
14 the implementation of regional plans for rapid transport and
15 transfer of patients, the implementation of a public education
16 campaign on heart attack signs and symptoms and the need to
17 activate the 911 system, and the provision of assistance to
18 hospitals and emergency medical services providers in acquiring
19 essential electrocardiogram equipment and training.