



SUBJECT: Paramedic Training Assistance Grant

Rationale: In an effort to keep trained paramedics in the state, DEMST will provide training assistance in the following amounts and under the following conditions:

1. The EMS entity's grant request must be submitted on the form entitled "Paramedic Training Assistance Grant Application Provider / Service Agreement" provided by the department.
2. The EMS entity must be based in North Dakota, currently licensed or certified with the Division of EMS and Trauma (DEMST) and conduct a minimum of 100 calls per year.
3. The Paramedic Training Assistance Grant will be paid at the rate of \$3,000 per provider if the EMS entity is located in a town with a population of more than 30,000; and the rate of \$5,000 per provider if the EMS entity is located in a town with a population of less than 30,000.
4. The Paramedic must have graduated from a North Dakota approved Paramedic training course and become licensed between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.
5. The individual must be certified through the National Registry as well as being licensed through DEMST.
4. No more than four grants per service will be awarded per fiscal year.
5. The Paramedic must agree to serve on an EMS entity as a patient care provider for a minimum of two years following initial licensure. This agreement must be made on the form entitled "Paramedic Training Assistance Grant Application Provider / Service Agreement" provided by DEMST and must contain the signatures of both the Paramedic and an EMS entity officer.
6. If the Paramedic leaves full-time employment with the approved ambulance service a pro-rated amount of the award must be paid back to the Health Department. The Health Department may waive the repayment with a reasonable explanation of the separation. Termination, or quitting without due cause will not be reasons to waive the repayment.
7. These funds will be awarded to the EMS agency, not the individual. The EMS agency must then reimburse the individual if they paid for their own training.