

Subject Opioid overdose reduction pilot program

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## Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of health to establish an opioid overdose reduction pilot program, funding community paramedic teams to develop personalized care plans for, and provide followup services to, patients recently discharged from a hospital or emergency department after an opioid overdose.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Opioid overdose reduction pilot program.</b></p> <p>Directs the commissioner of health to establish an opioid overdose reduction pilot program, providing grants to ambulance services to fund activities by community paramedic teams to reduce opioid overdoses.</p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment.</b> Directs the commissioner of health to establish the pilot program, and requires an ambulance service to use the funds for projects that connect community paramedic teams with persons recently discharged from the hospital after an opioid overdose; develop care plans; and provide followup services.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Priority areas; services.</b> Requires an ambulance service to target services to portions of its service area with high levels of opioid use, high death rates from opioid overdoses, and urgent needs for intervention. Lists services that community paramedic teams must provide. Allows an ambulance service to use the grant to pay for evidence-based training in opioid addiction and recovery treatment.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Evaluation.</b> Requires an ambulance service to evaluate the success of its program in reducing opioid overdoses, overdose deaths, and the inappropriate use of opioids, and to report required information to the commissioner of health. Requires the commissioner to submit a summary of information received from ambulance services to certain members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health and human services.</p>

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2	<p data-bbox="349 262 1433 304"><b>Appropriation; opioid overdose reduction pilot program.</b></p> <p data-bbox="349 304 1433 417">Appropriates \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the pilot program, and allows the commissioner to use up to \$50,000 for administration.</p>



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