



Ohio Revised Code

Section 307.055 Furnishing ambulance and emergency medical services.

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(A) Subject to the terms and conditions of the joint resolution creating it, each joint emergency medical services district may furnish ambulance services and emergency medical services by one of the following methods:

(1) By operating an emergency medical service organization as defined in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code;

(2) By contracting for the operation of one or more facilities pursuant to division (C) or (D) of this section;

(3) By providing necessary services and equipment to the district either directly or under a contract entered into pursuant to division (B) of this section;

(4) By providing service through any combination of methods described in divisions (A)(1) to (3) of this section.

(B) In order to obtain ambulance service, to obtain additional ambulance service in times of emergency, or to obtain emergency medical services, a joint emergency medical services district may enter into a contract, for a period not to exceed three years, with one or more counties, townships, municipal corporations, joint fire districts, other governmental units that provide ambulance service or emergency medical services, nonprofit corporations, or private ambulance owners, regardless of whether the entities contracted with are located within or outside this state, upon such terms as are agreed to, to furnish or receive ambulance services or the interchange of ambulance services or emergency medical services within the several territories of the contracting subdivisions, if the contract is first authorized by all boards of trustees and legislative authorities in the territories to be served.

Such a contract may provide for a fixed annual charge to be paid at the times agreed upon and



stipulated in the contract; or for compensation based on a stipulated price for each run, call, or emergency or based on the elapsed time of service required for each run, call, or emergency, or based on any combination of these.

Expenditures of a district for ambulance service or emergency medical service, whether pursuant to contract or otherwise, are lawful expenditures, regardless of whether the district or the party with which it contracts charges an additional fee to users of the service.

(C) The board of trustees may enter into a contract with any person, municipal corporation, township, or other political subdivision, and any political subdivision may contract with the board, for the operation and maintenance of emergency medical services facilities regardless of whether the facilities used are owned or leased by the district, by another political subdivision, or by the contractor.

(D) The district may purchase, lease, and maintain all materials, buildings, land, and equipment, including vehicles, the board considers necessary for the district.

When the board finds, by resolution, that the district has personal property that is not needed for public use, or is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, the board may dispose of the property in the same manner as provided in section 307.12 of the Revised Code.

(E) Except in the case of a contract with a board of county commissioners for the provision of services of an emergency medical service organization, any contract entered into by a joint emergency medical services district shall conform to the same bidding requirements that apply to county contracts under sections 307.86 to 307.92 of the Revised Code.

(F) A county participating in a joint district may contribute any of its rights or interests in real or personal property, including money, and may contribute services to the district. Any such contributions shall be made by a written agreement between the contributing county and the district, specifying the contribution as well as the rights of the participating counties in the contributed property. Written agreements shall also be prepared specifying the rights of participating counties in property acquired by the district other than by contribution of a participating county. Written agreements required by this division may be amended only by written agreement of all parties to the



original agreement.

(G) A district's board of trustees, by adoption of an appropriate resolution, may choose to have the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services license any emergency medical service organization the district operates. If a board adopts such a resolution, Chapter 4766. of the Revised Code, except for sections 4766.06 and 4766.99 of the Revised Code, applies to the district emergency medical service organization. All rules adopted under the applicable sections of that chapter also apply to the organization. A board, by adoption of an appropriate resolution, may remove the district emergency medical service organization from the jurisdiction of the state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services.