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Michigan EMS applauds House for prioritizing essential funding for EMS in state budget

House version of budget includes Medicaid funding fix and repayment for EMS services to state prisons

After the House version of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget was approved Tuesday by the Michigan House of Representatives, the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services Executive Director Angela Madden issued the following statement:

“Michigan EMS providers give their all to protect the health and safety of residents across the state and the House budget ensures that they would be paid appropriately for doing so. Our agencies were promised a reimbursement increase in 2021 but it was never implemented properly, shortchanging agencies for their work for the past four years. This House budget fixes that mistake and corrects payment levels so EMS agencies can focus on saving lives.

“We also greatly appreciate the House for including funding to pay EMS agencies for the nearly \$6 million in lifesaving services provided at Michigan’s prisons in 2023 and 2024. After the Michigan Department of Corrections’ former healthcare provider failed to pay our agencies who are required to respond by law, it is only right for the State of Michigan to repay them.

“EMS agencies are committed to serving their communities and simply ask to be paid for doing so. The House budget approved today prioritizes EMS funding to let our agencies do what they do best – provide excellent pre-hospital care to Michigan residents. We urge inclusion of these commonsense measures in the final budget.”