



STATEWIDE TEXAS
AMBULANCE
RESPONSE

STAR Safety Net is a proposed legislative response to improve ambulance response for Texans statewide.

**DON'T TAKE TEXAS AMBULANCE
RESPONSE FOR GRANTED**

**SUPPORT STAR SAFETY NET
IN THE 86TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

STAR Safety Net

- Improves certainty of ground ambulance coverage community-wide & statewide
- Helps save Texas lives
- No additional cost to state
- No additional cost to customers
- Self-funded by ambulance provider industry
- Administered by non-profit corporation audited by the state

PROBLEM

Our State's Ground Ambulance Response Safety Net Is At Risk

Each year, state budget constraints prevent Texas from receiving its full federal matching funds for ground ambulance reimbursement. As a result, Texas ground ambulance service is stretched thin resulting in diminished response times and limited ambulance coverage in and between Texas communities. These ambulance coverage gaps most often occur in areas commonly traveled between Texas Cities; and in less populated non-incorporated Texas suburbs near larger towns and cities.

SOLUTION

An Ambulance Provider Self-assessment Will Maximize Matching Federal Funds

A self-assessment on our state's ground ambulance providers will allow Texas to receive the maximum amount of matching federal funding for Medicaid ground ambulance transports. This will provide critical funding for ground ambulance providers to improve response time and coverage across Texas. This program can be implemented at no cost to the state and no additional cost to ambulance customers. **Self-assessment funds will be collected from ground ambulance companies by the Texas Health and Human Services commission in coordination with a non-profit corporation. This will allow the Texas Health and Human Services to seek maximum matching federal funds for the state of Texas.**

PROVEN SUCCESSFUL IN OTHER STATES

The industry self-assessment model for ground ambulance providers has been successfully implemented in other states including Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Utah.