

NYS Gov. Hochul Executive Budget – Feb. 2023

s. 81 Revitalizing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Medical Transportation.

The FY 2024 Executive Budget provides investments to enhance the EMS statewide, including:

- Ensuring emergency transportation providers are appropriately reimbursed for trips, by increasing Medicaid reimbursement for more complex patients;
- Establishing a working group to recommend ways to expand access to non-emergency medical transportation;
- Establishing nine regional EMS organizations that can better coordinate all the EMS agencies and providers operating within their region;
- Establishing a statewide EMS disaster response system that can rapidly deploy personnel and equipment when and where it is needed during an emergency;
- Allowing EMS providers to perform expanded clinical care in the community; and,
- Permitting ambulances to treat patients in place or take patients to urgent care clinics without sacrificing payment for the trip, decreasing the number of unnecessary emergency room visits.

As a result, the FY 2024 Executive Budget provides \$7.6 million in increases to the EMS special revenue fund, which is anticipated to increase to \$20.1 million in FY 2025 before reaching the full annual value of the investment of \$26.3 million in FY 2026. Capital equipment resources will also be provided to enhance the statewide fleet of EMS vehicles, including ambulances and fly-cars, as well as non-transport treatment vehicles.