

1 OSDH RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
CHAPTER 642. EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS

STABILIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUND

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1. **DESCRIPTION:** This new chapter of rule is proposed in response to the statutory mandates established by SB 1918 of the 2nd Session of the 51st Oklahoma Legislature, effective November 1, 2008 and codified at Title 63 O.S., Section 1-2512.1. This law creates the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Stabilization and Improvement Revolving Fund (OERSSIRF) and requires the State Board of Health to promulgate rules establishing a formula and procedure for the distribution of funds accruing to the benefit of the fund. The monies in this fund shall be expended by the Department for the purpose of funding assessment activities, stabilization and/or reorganization of at-risk emergency medical services, development of regional emergency medical services (EMS), training for emergency medical directors, access to training front line emergency medical services personnel, and capital and equipment needs. This proposed rule is intended to establish a well defined, predictable and transparent mechanism to distribute monies accruing to OERSSIRF to support the availability of high quality, sustainable pre-hospital medical care across Oklahoma. The proposed rule establishes the following sections:

- a. Establish rules to distribute the OERSSIRF.
- b. Provide definitions for the OERSSIRF distribution rules.
- c. Create a process for the review and disposition of proposals to the OERSSIRF.
- d. Establish OERSSIRF proposal deadlines, eligible project costs and maximum awards.
- e. Establish a priority point system for comparing proposals.

f. Establish a process for review and evaluation of the projects funded by the OERSSIRF.

g. Establish a process for the disbursement of funds.

2. **CLASSES OF PERSONS AFFECTED:** Those affected by this rule include persons or organizations licensed, certified or approved by the Department as part of the EMS system, such as EMS personnel, certified emergency medical response agencies, licensed ambulance services, approved training institutions, approved emergency medical dispatch agencies, approved medical directors or any combination thereof, or their associations or sponsoring organizations, such as EMS districts, cities or counties that operate certified emergency response agencies or licensed