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and  
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Outline

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- Emergency Medical Services
- Ambulance Transition Update
- Upcoming AUMA Events
- Request for information on Ministry's Initiatives
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## Provincial Budget 2010

Positive

- Pleased with AMIP funding moving to MSI
  - concerned about formula

Negative

- Provincial property tax – no real need to increase
- Shifting urban transportation grants to application based for federal stimulus programs

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## Healthy Communities 2010

AUMA sees a strong link between rural health care, and rural seniors housing, and encourages the Government of Alberta and AHS to include the following in the Rural Health Strategy:

1. supports for aging in place,
2. greater support for a continuum of care within seniors housing, including designated assisted living accommodations.

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## Emergency Medical Services 2010

With regard to Emergency Medical Services (EMS), AUMA would like:

- to see the contract negotiations for 2011 begin soon
- evidence that the new and consolidated ambulance dispatch system will be a quality service, ensuring the emergency health needs of rural Alberta
- to have full knowledge of the performance measures used by AHS with regard to ambulance services, allowing us to monitor and demonstrate that there has been “no degradation of service” as a result of the transition from municipalities to AHS.
- to review and contribute to AHS and Alberta Emergency Management Agency’s coordinated plan for Emergency Management, to ensure that both entities are working together, and working with municipalities to plan for emergencies.


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## Ambulance Transition Update 2010

- A recent survey showed that most AUMA members are satisfied with how the transition is proceeding.
- There are still many concerns about the consolidation of dispatch.
- As contracts between AHS and service delivery agents will be up for renewal/change next year, discussions should begin now.

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Thank-you 2010

AUMA appreciates all opportunities to collaborate with the Government of Alberta in working towards innovative, safe, healthy, environmentally sustainable and efficient province.

We would like to hear about your Ministry's upcoming initiatives.

Thank-you for your time and consideration.

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