**Section 547.300 Eligibility to Apply for Grants**

a) The following counties *may qualify for a grant authorized by* the Act: *two or more contiguous counties*

1) *Having an aggregate population of 20,000 or fewer persons, or*

2) *Comprising all counties within a region designated pursuant to* Division 5-14 of the Counties Code (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, ch. 34, pars. 5-14001 et seq.) [55 ILCS 5/Division 5-14] *and situated within the same region designated pursuant to that Act, or*

3) *Comprising all counties within a designated shortage area.* (Section 1005 of the Act)

b) Counties meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this Section shall be considered eligible to apply for grants under the Act by:

1) *The enactment of appropriate resolutions creating a Regional Ambulance System Board, as provided in Section 1006* of the Act; *and*

2) *Designating the officer or agency to be responsible for administering grant funds*; (Section 1005 of the Act) and

3) Submitting an application to the Department in accordance with the requirements of Section 547.500.