

HOUSE BILL 918

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*ENROLLED BILL*  
*-- Environmental Matters/Finance --*

Introduced by **Delegates Rudolph, Owings, Moe, Malone, and McHale, Ciliberti, Hammen, Stup, Weir, Elliott, Hubbard, Schisler, Frush, and Stull**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medicaid - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
4 reimburse certain public emergency service transporters for the costs of  
5 transportation and medical services provided to a Medicaid Program recipient  
6 during transport to certain facilities *in response to a 911 call* if the emergency  
7 service transporter charges for its services and requests reimbursement from  
8 the Program; *setting a limit on the amount of reimbursement from the Program;*  
9 requiring the Department to ~~adopt certain regulations on or before a certain~~  
10 ~~date negotiate the rate of reimbursement with certain public emergency service~~  
11 ~~transporters for the costs of transportation and medical services provided to a~~  
12 ~~Medicaid Program recipient~~ *adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date;*  
13 defining a certain term; *providing for a delayed effective date;* and generally  
14 relating to reimbursement for certain emergency service transporters under the  
15 Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
2 Article - Health - General  
3 Section 1-101(a) and (c) and 15-101(a), (c), (h), and (i)  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

6 BY adding to  
7 Article - Health - General  
8 Section 15-114.1  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Health - General**

14 1-101.

15 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

16 (c) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

17 15-101.

18 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

19 (c) "Facility" means a hospital or nursing facility including an intermediate  
20 care facility, skilled nursing facility, comprehensive care facility, or extended care  
21 facility.

22 (h) "Program" means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

23 (i) "Program recipient" means an individual who receives benefits under the  
24 Program.

25 15-114.1.

26 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER" MEANS A  
27 PUBLIC ENTITY OR VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE  
28 THAT PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

29 (B) IF AN EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER CHARGES FOR ITS SERVICES  
30 AND REQUESTS REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
31 REIMBURSE THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
32 EXCEED \$100 PER TRANSPORT, FOR THE COST OF:

1 (1) TRANSPORTATION THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER  
2 PROVIDES TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT TO A FACILITY IN RESPONSE TO A 911 CALL;  
3 AND

4 (2) MEDICAL SERVICES THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER  
5 PROVIDES TO THE PROGRAM RECIPIENT WHILE TRANSPORTING THE PROGRAM  
6 RECIPIENT TO A FACILITY IN RESPONSE TO A 911 CALL.

7 ~~(C) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1998, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT ANY~~  
8 ~~REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.~~

9 ~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NEGOTIATE THE RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT~~  
10 ~~WITH AN EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER IF THE EMERGENCY SERVICE~~  
11 ~~TRANSPORTER CHARGES FOR ITS SERVICES AND REQUESTS REIMBURSEMENT FROM~~  
12 ~~THE PROGRAM FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS~~  
13 ~~SECTION.~~

14 ~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT ANY REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO~~  
15 ~~CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.~~

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1,  
17 1999, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt any regulations  
18 necessary to carry out § 15-114.1 of the Health - General Article as enacted under  
19 Section 1 of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall  
21 take effect October 1, 1998.

22 ~~SECTION 2. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in~~  
23 ~~Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998~~ July 1, 1999.