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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 if the emergency service transporter
7 charges for its services and requests reimbursement from the Program;
8 requiring the Department to ~~adopt certain regulations on or before a certain~~
9 ~~date~~ negotiate the rate of reimbursement with certain public emergency service
10 transporters for the costs of transportation and medical services provided to a
11 Medicaid Program recipient; defining a certain term; providing for a delayed
12 effective date; and generally relating to reimbursement for certain emergency
13 service transporters under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article - Health - General
16 Section 1-101(a) and (c) and 15-101(a), (c), (h), and (i)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article - Health - General
21 Section 15-114.1
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Health - General**

4 1-101.

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

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

7 15-101.

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

9 (c) "Facility" means a hospital or nursing facility including an intermediate
10 care facility, skilled nursing facility, comprehensive care facility, or extended care
11 facility.

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

13 (i) "Program recipient" means an individual who receives benefits under the
14 Program.

15 15-114.1.

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER" MEANS A
17 PUBLIC ENTITY OR VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
18 THAT PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

19 (B) IF AN EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER CHARGES FOR ITS SERVICES
20 AND REQUESTS REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
21 REIMBURSE THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER FOR THE COST OF:

22 (1) TRANSPORTATION THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER
23 PROVIDES TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT TO A FACILITY; AND

24 (2) MEDICAL SERVICES THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER
25 PROVIDES TO THE PROGRAM RECIPIENT WHILE TRANSPORTING THE PROGRAM
26 RECIPIENT TO A FACILITY.

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

29 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NEGOTIATE THE RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT
30 WITH AN EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER IF THE EMERGENCY SERVICE
31 TRANSPORTER CHARGES FOR ITS SERVICES AND REQUESTS REIMBURSEMENT FROM
32 THE PROGRAM FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
33 SECTION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 ~~October 1, 1998~~ July 1, 1999.