## **HOUSE BILL 1524**

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## 2 Health Insurance - Ambulance Service Providers - Direct Reimbursement

- FOR the purpose of requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse an ambulance service provider directly for certain covered services; providing that an ambulance service provider is entitled to direct reimbursement under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to reimbursement by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations for transportation by ambulance.
- 10 BY adding to
- 11 Article Health General
- 12 Section 19–706(cccc)
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2009 Replacement Volume)
- 15 BY adding to
- 16 Article Insurance
- 17 Section 15–716
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 22 Article Health General
- 23 19–706.

- 1 (CCCC) THE PROVISIONS OF § 15–716 OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE 2 APPLY TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.
- 3 Article Insurance
- 4 **15–716.**
- 5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "AMBULANCE" MEANS ANY CONVEYANCE
- 6 DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED OR MODIFIED AND EQUIPPED TO BE USED,
- 7 MAINTAINED, OR OPERATED TO TRANSPORT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SICK,
- 8 INJURED, WOUNDED, OR OTHERWISE INCAPACITATED.
- 9 (B) This section applies to each individual or group health
- 10 INSURANCE POLICY OR CONTRACT THAT IS ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE
- 11 STATE BY AN INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR HEALTH
- 12 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.
- 13 (C) AN INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR HEALTH
- 14 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL REIMBURSE AN AMBULANCE SERVICE
- 15 PROVIDER DIRECTLY FOR COVERED SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE INSURED OR
- 16 ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL COVERED BY THE POLICY OR CONTRACT.
- 17 (D) AN AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER IS ENTITLED TO DIRECT
- 18 REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION WHETHER OR NOT:
- 19 (1) THE AMBULANCE THAT PROVIDED THE SERVICE IS OWNED,
- 20 OPERATED, OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT, A
- 21 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR
- 22 VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD:
- 23 (2) THE TRANSPORTATION BY AMBULANCE IS IN RESPONSE TO AN
- 24 EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITION; OR
- 25 (3) THE AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER IS AN IN-NETWORK OR
- 26 OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDER.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all
- 28 policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State
- 29 on or after October 1, 2010.
- 30 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 31 October 1, 2010.