

**SB0682/367072/1**

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 682  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Middleton” and substitute “, Middleton, Astle, Benson, Feldman, Jennings, Klausmeier, Mathias, Reilly, and Rosapepe”; in line 2, strike “Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance –”; in line 3, after the second “Services” insert “– Reports and Plan”; strike beginning with “Maryland” in line 4 down through “Act” in line 10 and substitute “Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, in consultation with certain entities, jointly to develop a certain plan, identify a certain process, study and make recommendations regarding certain matters, and submit certain reports on or before a certain date; providing for the construction of this Act”; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 22, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 24, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 through 4, strike beginning with line 25 on page 1 through line 20 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) (1) The Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Maryland Hospital Association, the Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Nurses Association, and managed care organizations in the State, jointly shall:

(i) develop a statewide plan for the reimbursement of services provided by emergency medical services providers to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients, including:

(Over)

1. mobile integrated health services;
2. emergency medical services without transport; and
3. emergency medical services with transport to an alternative destination; and

(ii) identify a process for obtaining Medicare reimbursement for the services specified under item (i) of this paragraph.

(2) On or before January 1, 2019, the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems jointly shall submit a report that includes the plan developed and a description of the process identified under paragraph (1) of this subsection to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(3) This subsection may not be construed to preclude the Maryland Department of Health from initiating reimbursement for any of the services specified in paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection before the submission of the report required under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(b) (1) The Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Maryland Hospital Association, the Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Nurses Association, and commercial health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations in the State, jointly shall study and make recommendations regarding the desirability and feasibility of reimbursement for services provided by emergency medical services providers to enrollees of health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations, including:

(i) mobile integrated health services;

(ii) emergency medical services without transport; and

(iii) emergency medical services with transport to an alternative destination.

(2) On or before January 1, 2019, the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems jointly shall submit a report on the findings and recommendations from the study required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, including any legislative proposals, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(3) This subsection may not be construed to preclude a health insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization from initiating reimbursement for any of the services specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection before the submission of the report required under paragraph (2) of this subsection.”.

On page 4, in line 21, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; and in line 22, strike “October” and substitute “July”.