

HOUSE BILL 44

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transporters**
3 **– Reimbursement**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the medical services provided by an emergency service
5 transporter for which the Maryland Department of Health is required to reimburse
6 the emergency service transporter who charges for its services and requests
7 reimbursement from the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring the
8 Department to increase the amount of reimbursement by a certain amount each
9 fiscal year, beginning in a certain fiscal year, until the rate is at least a certain
10 amount; and generally relating to the reimbursement of services provided by
11 emergency service transporters under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Health – General
14 Section 15–114.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 15–114.1.

21 (a) In this section, “emergency service transporter” means a public entity or
22 volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical service that provides emergency medical
23 services.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) **[If] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IF** an emergency
2 service transporter charges for its services and requests reimbursement from the Program,
3 the Department shall reimburse the emergency service transporter, in an amount as
4 specified by regulations adopted by the Department, for the cost of:

5 (1) Transportation the emergency service transporter provides to a
6 Program recipient to a facility in response to a 911 call; and

7 (2) Medical services the emergency service transporter provides to the
8 Program recipient **[while transporting the Program recipient to a facility]** in response to a
9 911 call.

10 **(C) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2023, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCREASE**
11 **THE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**
12 **SECTION FOR THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES BY \$25 EACH**
13 **FISCAL YEAR, UNTIL THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE SERVICES IS AT LEAST \$300.**

14 **[(c)] (D)** The Department shall adopt any regulations necessary to carry out this
15 section.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2022.