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HB 44

Maryland Medical Assistance
Program – Emergency Service
Transporters - Reimbursement

County Position: SUPPORT

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Committee: Health & Government Operations

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner urges your **SUPPORT** for House Bill 44 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transporters – Reimbursement.

One of the fundamental responsibilities of government is to ensure the health and welfare of the community. Emergency medical services are critical to delivering a high level of quality medical care and life-saving services.

County Executive Gardner supports the provisions in the proposed legislation that:

- Modernizes the reimbursement model for emergency transport in a way that acknowledges and encourages the growing role of mobile integrated care in providing appropriate medical services in the best setting;
- Updates the reimbursement rates from the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to volunteer fire, rescue and emergency services to sufficiently cover the costs of providing these services;
- Enables local governments to keep up with increasing costs and demand for the provision of mobile medical services which are delivered by highly trained emergency personnel in varied and often complex situations; and
- Increases access to medical care and the ability of local governments, particularly for those serving both urban and rural communities, to deliver medical services in a way that is responsive to unique community needs and to provide quality care when and where it is needed.

Frederick County Executive Gardner urges favorable **SUPPORT** for House Bill 44.