

House File 2285 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2103)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to supplemental reimbursement for publicly
2 owned or operated ground emergency medical transportation
3 providers through the Medicaid program, and including
4 effective date provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — SUBMISSION OF
2 MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT — SUPPLEMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR
3 ELIGIBLE GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

4 1. By July 1, 2018, the department of human services
5 shall submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to the
6 centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
7 States department of health and human services to request
8 authorization to establish and administer a methodology to
9 provide supplemental reimbursement to eligible ground emergency
10 medical transportation providers that provide ground emergency
11 medical transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries.
12 Supplemental reimbursements shall be available only for the
13 uncompensated care costs incurred by eligible ground emergency
14 medical transportation providers for providing ground emergency
15 medical transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries.
16 The department shall implement applicability of the
17 supplemental reimbursement to eligible ground emergency medical
18 transportation providers upon receipt of federal approval.

19 2. For the purposes of this section:

20 a. "Advanced life support" means special services designed
21 to provide definitive prehospital emergency medical care,
22 including but not limited to cardiopulmonary resuscitation,
23 cardiac monitoring, cardiac defibrillation, advanced airway
24 management, intravenous therapy, administration of drugs and
25 other medicinal preparations, and other specified techniques
26 and procedures.

27 b. "Basic life support" means emergency first aid and
28 cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures to maintain life
29 without invasive techniques.

30 c. "Eligible ground emergency medical transportation
31 provider" means a provider who is eligible to receive
32 supplemental payments, provides ground emergency medical
33 transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries continuously
34 during the claiming period, is enrolled as a Medicaid provider
35 during the period being claimed, and meets one of the following

1 conditions:

2 (1) Is owned or operated by an eligible governmental entity,
3 including but not limited to the state, a city, county, city
4 and county, or fire district.

5 (2) Contracts with an eligible governmental entity,
6 including but not limited to the state, a city, county, city
7 and county, or fire district.

8 d. "Ground emergency medical transportation services" means
9 both the act of transporting an individual from any point of
10 origin to the nearest medical facility capable of meeting the
11 emergency medical needs of the individual, as well as the
12 advanced life support, limited-advanced life support, and basic
13 life support services provided to an individual by ground
14 emergency medical transportation providers before or during the
15 act of transportation.

16 e. "Limited advanced life support" means special services
17 to provide prehospital emergency medical care limited to
18 techniques and procedures that exceed basic life support but
19 are less than advanced life support services.

20 Sec. 2. REVISION OF STATE PLAN AMENDMENT REQUEST. If
21 the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
22 States department of health and human services determines that
23 the state plan amendment authorized and submitted pursuant
24 to section 1 of this Act shall not apply to eligible ground
25 emergency medical transportation providers who contract with
26 an eligible governmental entity as specified in section 1,
27 subsection 2, paragraph "c", subparagraph (2), of this Act, the
28 department shall revise the state plan amendment to exclude
29 such providers and such revised state plan amendment shall
30 be implemented in lieu of the initial state plan amendment
31 submitted upon receipt of federal approval.

32 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
33 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill directs the department of human services (DHS),
3 by July 1, 2018, to submit a state plan amendment to the
4 centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States
5 department of health and human services (CMS) to request
6 authorization to establish and administer a methodology to
7 provide supplemental reimbursement to eligible ground emergency
8 medical transportation providers. Supplemental reimbursements
9 provided by the program shall be available only for the
10 uncompensated care costs incurred by eligible ground emergency
11 medical transportation providers. The bill provides, however,
12 that if CMS determines that the state plan amendment authorized
13 and submitted under the bill shall not include, as eligible
14 ground emergency medical transportation providers, those who
15 contract with an eligible governmental entity as specified
16 in the bill, DHS shall revise the state plan amendment to
17 exclude such providers and such revised state plan amendment
18 shall be implemented in lieu of the initial state plan
19 amendment submitted upon receipt of federal approval. Upon
20 approval of the state plan amendment, DHS shall apply the
21 supplemental reimbursement to eligible ground emergency medical
22 transportation providers.

23 The bill takes effect upon enactment.