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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, 2017, the department of human services shall
5 submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to the centers for
6 Medicare and Medicaid services of the United States department
7 of health and human services to request authorization to
8 establish and administer a methodology to provide supplemental
9 reimbursement to publicly owned or operated 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 and meets all of the following
33 requirements continuously during the claiming period:

34 (1) Provides ground emergency medical transportation
35 services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

1 (2) Is a provider enrolled as a Medicaid provider for the
2 period being claimed.

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

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

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

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
19 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill directs the department of human services (DHS),
24 by July 1, 2017, to submit a state plan amendment to the
25 centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the United
26 States department of health and human services to request
27 authorization to establish and administer a methodology to
28 provide supplemental reimbursement to eligible ground emergency
29 medical transportation providers. Supplemental reimbursements
30 provided by the program shall be available only for the
31 uncompensated care costs incurred by eligible ground emergency
32 medical transportation providers. Upon approval of the state
33 plan amendment, DHS shall apply the supplemental reimbursement
34 to eligible ground emergency medical transportation providers.
35 The bill provides definitions for the purposes of the bill.

1 The bill takes effect upon enactment.