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A BILL ENTITLED

Τ	AN ACT concerning	

2Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters -Reimbursement for Transportation and Medical Services 3

- 4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse at a certain rate certain emergency service transporters for mileage accrued in response to 5 6 certain calls related to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients; requiring 7 the Department to increase the amount of certain reimbursement by a certain 8 amount each fiscal year, beginning in a certain fiscal year, until the rate is at least 9 a certain amount; and generally relating to reimbursement for services provided by 10 emergency service transporters.
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article – Health – General
- Section 15–114.1 13

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- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2019 Replacement Volume)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND. 16
- That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 17

18 Article - Health - General

- 19 15-114.1.
- In this section, "emergency service transporter" means a public entity or 20 21 volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical service that provides emergency medical 22 services.
- [If] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IF an emergency 23 (b)

- 1 service transporter charges for its services and requests reimbursement from the Program,
- 2 the Department shall reimburse the emergency service transporter, in an amount as
- 3 specified by regulations adopted by the Department, for the cost of:
- 4 (1) Transportation the emergency service transporter provides to a 5 Program recipient to a facility in response to a 911 call; and
- 6 (2) Medical services the emergency service transporter provides to the 7 Program recipient while transporting the Program recipient to a facility in response to a
- 8 911 call.
- 9 (C) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER
- 10 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE AN
- 11 EMERGENCY SERVICES TRANSPORTER FOR MILEAGE ACCRUED IN RESPONSE TO A
- 12 911 CALL RELATED TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT AT A RATE OF \$3 PER MILE.
- 13 (2) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
- 14 INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)
- 15 OF THIS SECTION FOR THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES BY
- 16 \$25 EACH FISCAL YEAR, UNTIL THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE SERVICES IS AT
- 17 LEAST \$300.
- 18 **[(c)] (D)** The Department shall adopt any regulations necessary to carry out this
- 19 section.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 21 October 1, 2020.