



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 429

LCO No. 2659



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-273 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

3 (a) On and after April 1, 1983, the Commissioner of Social Services
4 shall increase the payment rate for ambulance rides eligible under the
5 state medical assistance program. Subject to federal approval, beginning
6 with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Social
7 Services shall, within available appropriations, revise the payment
8 methodology for ambulance services under the Medicaid program to
9 apply a relative value unit system similar to the payment methodology
10 used in the Medicare program. The basic life support nonemergency
11 transport shall be designated as the base rate with the relative value unit
12 system applied to basic life support nonemergency transports, basic life
13 support emergency transports, advanced life support nonemergency
14 transports, advanced life support emergency transports and paramedic
15 intercept services. For purposes of this section, "relative value unit"

16 means a numeric value for ambulance services relative to the value of a
17 base level ambulance service.

18 (b) On and after July 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Social Services
19 shall base the out-of-district mileage calculation for ambulance services
20 reimbursed under the state medical assistance program on the distance
21 traveled by an ambulance with the patient onboard from the point of
22 patient pickup to the destination, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of a
23 mile. An ambulance service may use any reasonable and verifiable
24 method to document such mileage, including, but not limited to, global
25 positioning system data, navigation or dispatch computer systems or
26 commercially available mapping routing programs. The commissioner
27 shall require an ambulance service provider to maintain documentation
28 of such mileage as part of the patient care record, including, but not
29 limited to, a trip report with the name of the patient and street address
30 of the patient pickup point and destination.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	17b-273

Statement of Purpose:

To increase Medicaid reimbursement for ambulance services by amending the out-of-district mileage calculation for such services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]