



Senate Bill No. 429

Public Act No. 26-88

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

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

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 Section 17b-273 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

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

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

Governor's Action:

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