

HOUSE BILL 1496

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By: **Delegates Corderman, Buckel, Cox, Hartman, Hornberger, McComas, McKay, Parrott, Reilly, Saab, and Wivell**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse at a certain
5 rate certain emergency service transporters for mileage accrued in response to
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
13 Section 15–114.1
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2019 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 15–114.1.

20 (a) In this section, “emergency service transporter” means a public entity or
21 volunteer fire, rescue, or emergency medical service that provides emergency medical
22 services.

23 (b) **[If] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IF** an emergency

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2020.