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2 95th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1850

5 By: Representatives L. Johnson, Perry
6 By: Senator Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GROUND AMBULANCE
10 SERVICES; TO CLARIFY THE MINIMUM ALLOWABLE
11 REIMBURSEMENT FOR GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES; TO
12 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-1802(a), concerning the minimum
25 allowable reimbursement for ground ambulance services, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 (a)(1) The minimum allowable reimbursement rate under any health
28 benefit plan issued by a healthcare insurer to a participating ground
29 ambulance service provider or an out-of-network ground ambulance service
30 provider shall be at the rates approved or contracted between ~~an~~ the
31 ambulance service provider and ~~a~~ the local government entity as provided for
32 in § 14-266-105.

33 (2) ~~In~~ On and after July 1, 2025, in the absence of rates set as
34 provided under subdivision (a)(1) of this section, the minimum allowable rate
35 of reimbursement under a health benefit plan issued by a healthcare insurer
36 shall be the lesser of:



1 (A) ~~The rate established by the Workers' Compensation~~
2 ~~Commission under its medical fee schedule for ambulance services~~ Three
3 hundred twenty-five percent (325%) of the Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule,
4 Arkansas Rural Rate, as established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
5 Services at the time of the date of service for the same service provided; or

6 (B) The provider's billed charges.
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8 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
9 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is necessary to resolve a
10 conflict regarding in-network and out-of-network reimbursement rates for
11 ambulance services; that the conflict is causing confusion between ambulance
12 providers, insurers, and the State Insurance Department; and that this act is
13 immediately necessary because to alleviate confusion concerning reimbursement
14 rates for ambulance services. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist,
15 and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
16 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

17 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

18 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
19 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
20 bill; or

21 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
22 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.
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