

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2441

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5 By: Representative Burris  
6 By: Senator Faris

## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE INSURERS TO PROVIDE  
11 GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE INSURERS  
16 TO PROVIDE GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE  
17 BENEFITS.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1 is amended  
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 23-79-152. Benefits for ground ambulance service – Definitions.

25 (a) As used in this section:

26 (1) "Ground ambulance service" means a service authorized and  
27 licensed by the state under the Emergency Medical Services Act, § 20-13-201  
28 et seq. that uses a vehicle to provide care and transportation of patients by  
29 stretcher or gurney upon the streets and highways of this state;

30 (2) "Health care insurer" means an entity subject to the  
31 insurance laws of this state or the jurisdiction of the Insurance  
32 Commissioner that contracts or offers to contract to provide health insurance  
33 coverage, including, but not limited to, an insurance company, a health  
34 maintenance organization, or a hospital medical service corporation.

35 (3) "Health insurance coverage" means benefits consisting of  
36 medical, pharmacy, vision, or dental care, hospitalization, or other goods or



1 services for the purpose of preventing, alleviating, curing, or healing human  
2 illness provided directly or indirectly through insurance, reimbursement, or  
3 otherwise, including items and services paid for under any policy,  
4 certificate, or agreement offered by a health care insurer; and

5 (b) Every health care insurer providing health insurance coverage  
6 shall offer and make available benefits for ground ambulance service.

7 (c) Benefits for ground ambulance service shall be paid:

8 (1) Directly to the provider of the ground ambulance service;  
9 and

10 (2) At the usual and customary rate for ground ambulance service  
11 in the state.

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