

ARKANSAS SENATE
94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1261

TO ENACT THE ARKANSAS TRIAGE, TREAT, AND TRANSPORT TO AN ALTERNATIVE DESTINATION
ACT; AND TO MANDATE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AN AMBULANCE SERVICE TO TRIAGE,
TREAT, AND TRANSPORT A PATIENT TO AN ALTERNATIVE DESTINATION.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1261

Amend House Bill No. 1261 as engrossed H3/8/23 (version: 3/8/2023 10:08:11 AM):

Add Senator J. Boyd as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Add Representatives J. Mayberry, Watson as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete line 3, and substitute the following:

"(iv) A behavioral or mental healthcare facility
including without limitation a crisis stabilization unit."

AND

Page 3, delete line 9, and substitute the following:

"(1) "911 call" means a communication made on behalf of an
enrollee indicating that the enrollee may need emergency medical services;
(2)(A) "Alternative destination" means a lower-acuity facility"

AND

Page 3, line 22, delete "(2)" and substitute "(3)"

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Page 3, line 32, delete "(3)" and substitute "(4)"

AND



Page 3, line 34, delete "(4)(A)" and substitute "(5)(A)"

AND

Page 4, line 27, delete "(5)" and substitute "(6)"

AND

Page 4, line 34, delete "(6)" and substitute "(7)"

AND

Page 5, line 3, delete "(7)(A)" and substitute "(8)(A)"

AND

Page 5, delete lines 35 and 36, and substitute the following:

"(1) Only includes ambulance service transportation to the treatment location;

(2) Is subject to the initiation of ambulance service treatment as a result of a 911 call that is documented in the records of the ambulance service;

(3) Is subject to health benefit plan deductibles or copayment requirements;

(4) Does not diminish or limit benefits otherwise allowable under a health benefit plan, even if the billing claims for medical or behavioral health services overlap in time that is billed by the ambulance service also providing care; and

(5) Is subject to any health benefit plan provisions that apply to other services covered by the health benefit plan."

AND

Page 6, delete lines 1 through 6, and substitute the following:

"(c) The reimbursement rate for an ambulance service whose operators"

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator J. Boyd

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