

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1654

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5 By: Representative Wagner
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT TO MEDICAL
10 *TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND FOR OTHER*
11 *PURPOSES.*"
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Subtitle

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14 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT
15 REIMBURSEMENT TO MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION
16 *SERVICE PROVIDERS.*"
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. (a) Every insurance policy, other than a policy excluded
22 pursuant to subsection (d), which provides specific coverage exclusively for
23 medical transportation services, that is sold, delivered, issued for delivery,
24 renewed, or offered for sale in this state by an insurer shall contain a
25 provision providing for direct reimbursement to the provider of covered
26 medical transportation service, if the provider has not received payment for
27 those services from any other source. The service fee charged shall be in
28 accordance with the American Ambulance Association practice guidelines and
29 shall not be more than the normal charge for such services.

30 (b) This section shall not apply if the provider for the medical
31 transportation services has entered into a contract for direct payment with
32 the insurer.

33 (c) For the purpose of this section, "direct reimbursement" means the
34 insurer shall pay the medical transportation service directly, pursuant to a
35 claim filed by the insured and the medical transportation provider shall not
36 demand payment from the insured until having received payment from the

1 insurer. Upon receiving payment from the insurer, the medical transportation
2 provider may demand payment from the insured for any unpaid portion of the
3 provider's fee.

4 (d) This act shall not apply to any health care policy, whether such
5 policy is in the form of a health maintenance organization evidence of
6 coverage or health care plan as defined in Arkansas Code § 23-76-102(3) and
7 § 23-76-102(4), or a disability policy governed by Arkansas Code §§ 23-84-101 -
8 23-85-138, or a group and blanket disability insurance policy governed by
9 Arkansas Code §§ 23-86-101 - 23-86-118, a Medicare supplement policy, or any
10 other form.

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12 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
13 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
14 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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16 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
17 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
18 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
19 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
20 act are declared to be severable.

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22 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
23 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Wagner

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