

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

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1682

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5 By: Representative Wagner

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT TO MEDICAL
10 TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROVIDERS BY INSURERS AND OTHER
11 ENTITIES PROVIDING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT
16 REIMBURSEMENT TO MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION
17 SERVICE PROVIDERS BY INSURERS AND OTHER
18 ENTITIES PROVIDING HEALTH CARE
19 COVERAGE."

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

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24 SECTION 1. (a) Every contract of individual or group health care
25 coverage providing coverage for medical transportation services that is sold,
26 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, or offered for sale in this state by
27 any insurer, health maintenance organization, self-funded group, multiple-
28 employer welfare arrangement, hospital or medical services corporation, or
29 other entity shall contain a provision providing for direct reimbursement to
30 the provider of covered medical transportation service, if the provider has
31 not received payment for those services from any other source.

32 (b) This section shall not apply if the provider of medical
33 transportation services has entered into a contract for direct payment with
34 the entity providing health care coverage.

35 (c) For the purpose of this section, "direct reimbursement" means the
36 entity providing health care coverage shall pay the medical transportation

1 service directly, pursuant to a claim filed by the insured, enrollee, or
2 subscriber and the medical transportation provider shall not demand payment
3 from the insured, enrollee, or subscriber until having received payment from
4 the entity providing health care coverage. Upon receiving payment from the
5 entity providing health care coverage, the medical transportation provider
6 may demand payment from the insured, enrollee, or subscriber for any unpaid
7 portion of the provider's fee.

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

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

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

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