

Amendment to HB 1568-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to reimbursement for ambulance services under the state Medicaid plan.
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:
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7 1 New Paragraph; Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services; State
8 Medicaid Plan Amendment Regarding Ambulance Services. Amend RSA 126-A:5 by inserting after
9 paragraph XXXIV the following new paragraph:

10 XXXV. The commissioner shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
11 (CMS) an amendment to the state Medicaid plan to provide reimbursement for ambulance services
12 when care is provided in response to an emergency call to a member's home or on a scene, when an
13 ambulance is dispatched, and treatment is provided to the patient without the patient being
14 transported to another site. Providers shall be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement under this
15 paragraph only when all the following requirements are met:

16 (a) The response originated through a 9-1-1 call.

17 (b) The patient consents to evaluation and treatment.

18 (c) After the evaluation, and when indicated, treatment, the licensed paramedic or
19 emergency medical technician (EMT) and the patient agree there is not a need for transportation by
20 ambulance; this shall include when resuscitation efforts are terminated.

21 (d) The patient does not request and actively refuses transport to an emergency
22 department for evaluation.

23 (e) The patient is stable for referral to the patient's physician, other community resource
24 or is deceased.

25 (f) The patient has the ability, including mental capacity and transportation resources,
26 to obtain assistance and medically indicated follow-up.

27 2 Contingency. Section 1 of this act shall take effect on the date the Centers for Medicare and
28 Medicaid Services certifies the approval of the amendment to the state Medicaid plan to the director
29 of legislative services and the secretary of state.

30 3 Effective Date.

31 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 2 of this act.

32 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the department of health and human services to submit an amendment to the state Medicaid plan regarding reimbursement for ambulance services.