

SB 409-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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SENATE BILL ***409-FN***

AN ACT relative to reimbursement for ambulance services under the state Medicaid plan.

SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Chandley, Dist 11; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Rep. Goley, Hills. 21; Rep. S. Pearson, Rock. 13; Rep. Stringham, Graf. 3; Rep. Wolf, Merr. 7

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

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.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

AN ACT relative to reimbursement for ambulance services under the state Medicaid plan.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services; State
2 Medicaid Plan Amendment Regarding Ambulance Services. Amend RSA 126-A:5 by inserting after
3 paragraph XXXIV the following new paragraph:

4 XXXV. The commissioner shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
5 (CMS) an amendment to the state Medicaid plan to provide reimbursement for ambulance services
6 when care is provided in response to an emergency call to a member's home or on a scene, when an
7 ambulance is dispatched, and treatment is provided to the patient without the patient being
8 transported to another site.

9 (a) Providers shall be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement when the provider has
10 documented that:

11 (1) The response originated through an emergency call; and

12 (2) The patient consents to evaluation and treatment, and one of the following
13 outcomes has occurred:

14 (A) After the evaluation, and when indicated, treatment, the licensed paramedic
15 or emergency medical technician (EMT) and the patient agree there is no need for transportation by
16 ambulance;

17 (B) The patient does not request and actively refuses transport to an emergency
18 department for evaluation; or

19 (C) The patient is stable for referral to the patient's physician, other community
20 resource, and the patient has the ability, including mental capacity and transportation resources, to
21 obtain assistance and medically indicated follow-up.

22 (b) Providers shall also be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement when the provider has
23 documented that the response originated through an emergency call, resuscitation efforts were
24 terminated, and the patient is deceased.

25 2 Contingency. Section 1 of this act shall take effect on the date the Centers for Medicare and
26 Medicaid Services certifies the approval of the amendment to the state Medicaid plan to the director
27 of legislative services and the secretary of state.

28 3 Effective Date.

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

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

SB 409-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue Fund(s)	None			
Expenditures	\$0	\$1 million+ general funds; \$1 million+ federal funds	\$1 million+ general funds; \$1 million+ federal funds	\$1 million+ general funds; \$1 million+ federal funds
Funding Source(s)	General Fund Federal matching funds			
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	None			

- Does this bill provide sufficient funding to cover estimated expenditures? ☒ No
- Does this bill authorize new positions to implement this bill? ☒ No

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit an amendment to the Medicaid state plan to provide reimbursement for ambulance services under certain circumstances in which transportation is not required. The Department states that it does not maintain data on ambulance calls which do not result in transportation, and is therefore unable to provide a cost estimate based on actual data. However, the Department notes that in recent years it has expended approximately \$11.2 million (total funds) annually on all ambulance services, with approximately \$4.2 million (total funds) being attributed to services involving basic life support with either emergency or non-emergency transport. Subtracting the costs of transportation, the Department anticipates that the bill will result in an additional increase of at least \$2 million in total funds, of which \$1 million will be state general funds and \$1 million will be matching federal funds.

It is assumed any fiscal impact would not occur until after FY 2024.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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