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STATE OF COLORADO**

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**HOUSE BILL 24-1218**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROVISION OF GROUND**  
102      **AMBULANCE SERVICES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

For ground ambulance services, the bill:

- Allows a political subdivision, or an ambulance service providing ambulance services on behalf of the political subdivision, to submit to the division of insurance the established rates for the ambulance services;
- Establishes reimbursement rates for ambulance services

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

- that are out-of-network; and  
● Prohibits an out-of-network ambulance service from billing a covered person any outstanding balance for a covered service not paid for by a carrier, except for any coinsurance, deductible, or copayment amount required to be paid by the covered person.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 10-16-167 as  
3 follows:

4           **10-16-167. Ground ambulance service agencies - billing rate**  
5 **database - out-of-network rates - definitions.** (1) (a) A POLITICAL  
6 SUBDIVISION OR AN AMBULANCE SERVICE DESIGNATED OR CONTRACTED  
7 TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE POLITICAL  
8 SUBDIVISION MAY SUBMIT TO THE DIVISION, IN THE FORM AND MANNER  
9 PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE RATES FOR AMBULANCE  
10 SERVICES ESTABLISHED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

11           (b) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR AN AMBULANCE SERVICE MAY  
12 REPORT THE RATES AT ANY TIME DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR, BUT ONLY  
13 ONE TIME PER CALENDAR YEAR.

14           (c) THE DIVISION SHALL PUBLISH THE RATES SUBMITTED PURSUANT  
15 TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) ON THE DIVISION'S PUBLIC-FACING WEBSITE.

16           (d) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR AN AMBULANCE SERVICE IS NOT  
17 REQUIRED TO RESUBMIT RATES ANNUALLY. THE DIVISION SHALL CONTINUE  
18 TO PUBLISH RATES PROVIDED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR  
19 AMBULANCE SERVICE IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS UNLESS THE POLITICAL  
20 SUBDIVISION OR AMBULANCE SERVICE REQUESTS THAT THE DIVISION  
21 UPDATE OR DELETE THE RATE DATA.

22           (2) (a) IF A COVERED PERSON RECEIVES EMERGENCY TRANSPORT,

1 NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORT, OR OTHER COVERED SERVICES BY AN  
2 AMBULANCE SERVICE THAT IS OUT OF NETWORK, THE CARRIER SHALL  
3 REIMBURSE THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AT:

4 (I) THE RATES ESTABLISHED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE POLITICAL  
5 SUBDIVISION IN WHICH THE SERVICE ORIGINATED, IF THE POLITICAL  
6 SUBDIVISION OR ITS DESIGNEE REPORTED RATES TO THE DIVISION  
7 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION; OR

8 (II) THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT  
9 REIMBURSED UNDER THE "HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE AGED ACT",  
10 TITLE XVIII OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC.  
11 1395 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, IF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR  
12 AMBULANCE SERVICE DID NOT REPORT RATES TO THE DIVISION PURSUANT  
13 TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (b) A CARRIER SHALL MAKE PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION  
15 (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, MINUS ANY COINSURANCE, DEDUCTIBLE, OR  
16 COPAYMENT FOR WHICH THE PATIENT HAS RESPONSIBILITY, DIRECTLY TO  
17 THE AMBULANCE SERVICE.

18 (c) AT THE TIME OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE CLAIM, THE CARRIER  
19 SHALL ADVISE THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AND THE COVERED PERSON OF  
20 ANY REQUIRED COINSURANCE, DEDUCTIBLE, OR COPAYMENT.

21 (d) PAYMENT MADE BY A CARRIER IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS  
22 SUBSECTION (2) IS PRESUMED TO BE PAYMENT IN FULL FOR THE  
23 AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED, EXCEPT FOR ANY COINSURANCE,  
24 DEDUCTIBLE, OR COPAYMENT AMOUNT THE COVERED PERSON IS REQUIRED  
25 TO PAY.

26 (e) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE CARRIER AND  
27 OUT-OF-NETWORK AMBULANCE SERVICE FROM VOLUNTARILY

1 NEGOTIATING INDEPENDENT REIMBURSEMENT TERMS AND RATES.

2 (3) (a) AN AMBULANCE SERVICE THAT IS OUT OF NETWORK SHALL  
3 NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BILL A COVERED PERSON ANY  
4 OUTSTANDING BALANCE FOR A COVERED SERVICE NOT PAID FOR BY A  
5 CARRIER, EXCEPT FOR ANY COINSURANCE, DEDUCTIBLE, OR COPAYMENT  
6 AMOUNT REQUIRED TO BE PAID BY THE COVERED PERSON.

7 (b) AN AMBULANCE SERVICE MAY USE A CARRIER'S EXISTING  
8 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS, INITIATE A COMPLAINT WITH THE DIVISION,  
9 OR SEEK RELIEF IN ANY APPROPRIATE COURT IF THE AGENCY BELIEVES  
10 PAYMENT WAS NOT MADE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

12 (a) "AMBULANCE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN  
13 SECTION 25-3.5-103 (1.5).

14 (b) "AMBULANCE SERVICE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH  
15 IN SECTION 25-3.5-103 (3).

16 (c) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS A SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE,  
17 INCLUDING A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND SPECIAL  
18 DISTRICT.

19 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** (1) This  
20 act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
22 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
23 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
24 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
25 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
26 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

1           (2) This act applies to ambulance services provided on or after the  
2 applicable effective date of this act.