

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

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H.P. 1164 - L.D. 1832

**An Act to Continue the Study of Community Paramedicine and to Make  
Changes Related to Health Insurance Coverage and Prior Authorization  
Requirements for Certain Ambulance Service Providers**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303-C, sub-§2, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 222, §1, is further amended to read:

B. Except as provided for ambulance services in paragraph ~~D~~ D-1, unless the carrier and out-of-network provider agree otherwise, a carrier shall reimburse the out-of-network provider or enrollee, as applicable, for health care services rendered at the greater of:

- (1) The carrier's median network rate paid for that health care service by a similar provider in the geographic area where the service was provided; and
- (2) The median network rate paid by all carriers for that health care service by a similar provider in the geographic area where the service was provided as determined by the all-payer claims database maintained by the Maine Health Data Organization or, if Maine Health Data Organization claims data is insufficient or otherwise inapplicable, another independent medical claims database specified by the superintendent;

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4303-C, sub-§2, ¶D-1** is enacted to read:

D-1. Unless the carrier and out-of-network provider agree otherwise, a carrier shall reimburse an out-of-network provider for ambulance services that are covered emergency services at the rate applicable to the out-of-network provider pursuant to section 4303-F.

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4303-F, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 468, §2, is amended to read:

E. A carrier may not require ~~an~~ a ground ambulance service provider to obtain prior authorization before transporting an enrollee to a hospital, between hospitals or from a hospital to a nursing home, hospice care facility or other health care facility, as defined

in Title 22, section 328, subsection 8. A carrier may not require an air ambulance service provider to obtain prior authorization before transporting an enrollee to a hospital or between hospitals for urgent care.

**Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §4303-F, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 241, §3, is amended to read:

**3. Exemption.** ~~This~~ Except as provided in subsection 1, paragraph E, this section does not apply to air ambulance services.

**Sec. 5. Authority to report out legislation.** Based on recommendations from stakeholders after further study, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters may report out legislation to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 related to reimbursement by health insurance carriers for health care services provided by community paramedicine personnel as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 84, subsection 4.