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Testimony of the Maine Ambulance Association Before the Maine Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee in Support of LD 1530

An Act to Improve the Sustainability of Emergency Medical Services in Maine

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Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and distinguished members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee:

On behalf of the Maine Ambulance Association, I want to express our strong support for LD 1530, *An Act to Improve the Sustainability of Emergency Medical Services in Maine*. This legislation takes an important step forward by recognizing and supporting the critical role that non-transporting EMS agencies play in the broader emergency response system.

Our first responding agencies are vital components of public safety, often delivering life-saving interventions at the scene long before a transporting unit arrives. Current laws do not provide an adequate reimbursement pathway for these services, placing unnecessary financial strain on these providers and threatening their sustainability.

LD 1530 begins to correct that imbalance by establishing reimbursement for care provided on scene, including the administration of opioid overdose medications, even when transport does not occur. However, as we implement these changes, we must be cautious to avoid unintended billing conflicts. Specifically, we may need to educate non-transporting providers to prevent inadvertent billing for MaineCare or Medicaid patients in ways that could result in duplicate claim denials for transporting services.

This is a solvable challenge. It should not stand in the way of this critical policy advancement. We are confident that, with collaboration and training, Maine EMS providers can implement this law effectively and without disruption to the billing system.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,
Mike Senecal, President
Maine Ambulance Association