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SYNOPSIS: This bill would require the Medicaid Agency to increase reimbursement rates for certain ambulance services provided to Medicaid recipients who are not eligible to receive Medicare.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Medicaid; to require the Medicaid Agency to increase reimbursement rates for certain ambulance services provided to Medicaid recipients who are not eligible to receive Medicare.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Subject to approval by the federal government, the Medicaid Agency of the State of Alabama shall increase reimbursement as provided in subsection (b) for the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) ambulance services provided to Medicaid recipients who are not eligible for Medicare:

- 1 (1) A0425 - Ground mileage.
- 2 (2) A0426 - Advanced life support, level one.
- 3 (3) A0427 - Emergency transport, level one.
- 4 (4) A0428 - Basic life support non-emergency
- 5 transport.
- 6 (5) A0429 - Non-emergency transport.
- 7 (6) A0431 - Ambulance service, conventional air
- 8 services, transport, one way (rotary wing).
- 9 (7) A0433 - Advanced life support, level two.
- 10 (8) A0434 - Specialty care transport.
- 11 (9) A0436 - Air mileage, rotary wing, per statute
- 12 mile.

13 (b) The reimbursement rate for ambulance services
14 described in subsection (a) shall be increased to 75 percent
15 of the applicable Medicare rate for each level of service to
16 providers licensed by the Alabama Department of Public Health
17 to provide emergency medical services.

18 Section 2. This act shall become effective
19 immediately following its passage and approval by the
20 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.