

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 1423**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 14, 2024

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1423.

As amended, this bill establishes a minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate of \$300 for basic life support emergency ambulance transportation services, an increase of \$242 from the State's existing rate of \$58 per transport.

As amended, the bill also provides that, beginning on July 1, 2024, the ground ambulance mileage reimbursement rate within the Medicaid program will be no less than \$8.94 for each loaded mile during the emergency transportation of a Medicaid beneficiary. The ground ambulance mileage reimbursement rate established by the bill would be annually adjusted in each subsequent fiscal year to a rate equal to the ground ambulance mileage rate set for Medicare as of July 1 in the corresponding fiscal year.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to raise the minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate for basic life support emergency ambulance transportation services to \$300, from \$58. As introduced, the bill raised the rate to \$200.

The committee added a new section 2 to the bill which provides that, beginning on July 1, 2024, the ground ambulance mileage reimbursement rate within the Medicaid program will be no less than \$8.94 for each loaded mile during the emergency transportation of a Medicaid beneficiary. The ground ambulance mileage reimbursement rate established by the bill would be annually adjusted in each subsequent fiscal year to a rate equal to the ground ambulance mileage rate under Medicare as of July 1 in the corresponding fiscal year.

The committee amendments revise the bill's synopsis to reflect these changes.