



TASA EMS Day on the Hill

Talking Points

SB704 Yager/HB879 Reedy

Ground Ambulance Service Provider Assessment Act:

- Estimated numbers show that TN ground EMS providers are under-reimbursed by about \$34 Million dollars state wide
- Federal dollars available to assist states where reimbursement is lacking for certain healthcare providers (current State match is 35%)
- The assessment fee will generate the in-state funds necessary to for the 35% match.
- TennCare administrative costs covered within the assessment
- EVERY licensed ground ambulance service would pay the assessment fee on ALL transports regardless of the payer. Payments are made quarterly.
- A state-wide average of the difference between the cost-per-call and the reimbursement from the TennCare MCO's would be established. (state average reimbursement estimated currently at \$150)
- TnCare Managed Care Organizations (MCO) payments would continue as normal. Once they have paid, the services would submit EOB's to the Bureau and a flat rate per call would be paid back to the service in addition to the payment already received (current estimate = \$350).
- This does not change the taxpayer liability. (Understanding that the ambulance providers would have to pay the initial assessment but would recover through the payback).
- TASA has encouraged every EMS service to participate in a state wide survey that included a worksheet to ensure that this act would not cause financial hardship on any service. From all the surveys returned, there seems to be no real negative impact to any service.
- NO FISCAL IMPACT TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE