



TENNESSEE AMBULANCE SERVICE ASSOCIATION

2024 Legislative Priorities

House Bill 2022 / Senate Bill 2330

Rep. Reedy / Sen. Yager

Ground Ambulance Assessment

What it does

The ground ambulance assessment was created in 2018 to help fill the gap between expenses incurred by the ambulance services to perform a transport and what Medicaid reimburses for these transports. Without using any state funds, ambulance services pay into the fund to draw down federal funds. This bill extends the ground ambulance assessment for another year.

Why it's important

This legislation helps ambulance services cover the costs associated with transports without using state funds. We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support for this legislation, and the recent passage of this bill on the both the House and Senate floors.

House Bill 1998 / Senate Bill 2340

Rep. G. Hicks / Sen. Yager

TennCare Non-Emergent Increase

What it does

Currently, ambulance services are paid 67.5% of the Medicaid rate for each non-emergency run. This bill would increase that to 100%.

Due to a recent change by the federal government (CMS), the ambulance services are seeing less reimbursement than ever before, especially for those ambulance services that do mostly non-emergency runs.

Why it's important

Two years ago, CMS stopped allowing us to cover non-emergency runs with the assessment, which means that they are receiving less per run, especially those that are non-emergency heavy.

Ambulance services are essential to our communities, but many operate a loss. This is an important conversation to have as services continue to be stretched thin.

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