

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 744

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Ambulance Service Provider Access Payment Program; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 3242, which relates to supplemental Medicaid reimbursement for ground emergency transportation; deleting certain requirement for reimbursement; providing calculation and payment methodology for certain services; allowing intergovernmental agreements to substitute for certain requirements; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 3242, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3242. A. An eligible provider, as described in subsection B of this section, in addition to the rate of payment that the provider would otherwise receive for Medicaid ground emergency medical transportation services, shall receive supplemental Medicaid reimbursement to the extent provided by law.

B. A provider shall be eligible for supplemental reimbursement only if the provider meets the following conditions during the state fiscal year:

1 1. Provides ground emergency medical transportation services to
2 Medicaid beneficiaries;

3 2. Is a provider that is enrolled as a Medicaid provider for
4 the period being claimed; and

5 3. Is owned or operated by the state, a political subdivision
6 or local government, that employs or contracts with persons who are
7 licensed to provide emergency medical services in the State of
8 Oklahoma, and includes private entities to the extent permissible
9 under federal law.

10 C. An eligible provider's supplemental reimbursement pursuant
11 to this section shall be calculated and paid as follows:

12 1. ~~The supplemental reimbursement to an eligible provider, as~~
13 ~~described in subsection B of this section, shall be equal to~~

14 a. for services reimbursed through fee-for-service
15 contracts, the amount of federal financial
16 participation received because of the claims submitted
17 pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection F of this
18 section, and

19 b. for services reimbursed through capitated contracts,
20 an amount to be determined in accordance with the
21 approved directed payment pre-print, based on claims
22 submitted pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection F of
23 this section;

1 2. In no instance shall the amount certified pursuant to
2 paragraph 1 of subsection E of this section, when combined with the
3 amount received from all other sources of reimbursement from the
4 Medicaid program, exceed one hundred percent (100%) of actual costs,
5 as determined pursuant to the Medicaid state plan, for ground
6 emergency medical transportation services; and

7 3. The supplemental Medicaid reimbursement provided by this
8 section shall be distributed exclusively to eligible providers under
9 a payment methodology based on ground emergency medical
10 transportation services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries by
11 eligible providers on a per-transport basis or other federally
12 permissible basis. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall obtain
13 approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the
14 payment methodology to be utilized, and shall not make any payment
15 pursuant to this section prior to obtaining that approval.

16 D. 1. It is the Legislature's intent in enacting this section
17 to provide the supplemental reimbursement described in this section
18 without any expenditure from the state General Revenue Fund. An
19 eligible provider, as a condition of receiving supplemental
20 reimbursement pursuant to this section, shall enter into, and
21 maintain, an agreement with the Authority for the purposes of
22 implementing this section and reimbursing the state for the costs of
23 administering this section.

1 2. The nonfederal share of the supplemental reimbursement
2 submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
3 for purposes of claiming federal financial participation shall be
4 paid only with funds from the governmental entities described in
5 paragraph 3 of subsection B of this section and certified to the
6 state as provided in subsection E of this section.

7 E. Participation in the reimbursement program provided by this
8 section by an eligible provider as set forth in subsection B of this
9 section is voluntary. If an applicable governmental entity elects
10 to seek supplemental reimbursement pursuant to this section on
11 behalf of an eligible provider, the governmental entity shall do the
12 following:

13 1. ~~Certify~~

14 a. certify, in conformity with the requirements of 42
15 C.F.R. § 433.51, that the claimed expenditures for the
16 ground emergency medical transportation services are
17 eligible for federal financial participation~~†~~†

18 ~~2. Provide~~

19 b. provide evidence supporting the certification as
20 specified by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority~~†~~†

21 ~~3. Submit~~

22 c. submit data as specified by the Authority to determine
23 the appropriate amounts to claim as expenditures
24 qualifying for federal financial participation~~†~~† and

1 4. ~~Keep~~

2 d. keep, maintain, and have readily retrievable any
3 records specified by the Authority to fully disclose
4 reimbursement amounts to which the eligible provider
5 is entitled, and any other records required by the
6 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; or

7 2. Enter into and maintain an intergovernmental agreement with
8 the Authority, as specified by the Authority.

9 F. 1. The Authority shall promptly seek any necessary federal
10 approvals for the implementation of this section. The Authority may
11 limit the program to those costs that are allowable expenditures
12 under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.
13 If federal approval is not obtained for implementation of this
14 section, this section shall not be implemented.

15 2. The Authority shall submit claims for federal financial
16 participation for the expenditures for the services delineated in
17 subsection E of this section that are allowable expenditures under
18 federal law.

19 3. The Authority shall submit any necessary materials to the
20 federal government to provide assurances that claims for federal
21 financial participation will include only those expenditures that
22 are allowable under federal law.

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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