

1 AN ACT relating to a Medicaid supplemental payment program for public ground
2 ambulance providers.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 205 IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 (1) As used in this section, "public ground ambulance provider" means a ground
7 ambulance provider licensed in accordance with administrative regulations
8 promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services, which is
9 owned or operated by a city, county, urban-county government, consolidated local
10 government, charter county government, unified local government, or special
11 district, except for a local rescue squad district created under KRS Chapter 39F.

12 (2) (a) The Department for Medicaid Services shall, no later than ninety (90) days
13 after the effective date of this Act, submit a Medicaid preprint with a July 1,
14 2025, effective date to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
15 seeking authorization to establish and administer a supplemental payment
16 program to provide state-directed Medicaid managed care payments to
17 eligible public ground ambulance providers.

18 (b) If approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the
19 department shall:

20 1. Establish and administer the program to provide state-directed
21 Medicaid payments to eligible providers for services provided under
22 the managed care component of the Medicaid program;

23 2. Operate the supplemental payment program described in this section
24 separately from the assessment and directed payment program
25 established under KRS 142.318; 205.5601, 205.5602, and 205.5603;

26 3. Utilize a cost report to determine the average cost per transport, which
27 shall be used in the upper payment limit calculation for the Medicaid

1 managed care-directed payments;

2 4. Establish a cost-based payment methodology in accordance with the

3 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' rules and regulations;

4 and

5 5. Promulgate administrative regulations necessary to carry out this

6 section.

7 (3) To be eligible to receive state-directed payments under this section, a public

8 ground ambulance provider shall:

9 (a) Hold a valid Medicaid provider agreement;

10 (b) Submit an annual cost report in accordance with administrative regulations

11 promulgated by the department; and

12 (c) Provide emergency medical transportation services to Medicaid

13 beneficiaries.