

1 **AMBULANCE AND PARAMEDIC FEE**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2006 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray**

6 Senate Sponsor: Darin G. Peterson

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill amends the Utah Emergency Medical Services System Act to prohibit
11 ambulance and paramedic providers from charging fees for transporting a patient when
12 there is no transport of the individual.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This bill:

- 15 ▶ amends the duties of the department regarding oversight of fees established by
16 ambulance and paramedic providers;
- 17 ▶ prohibits charging fees for transporting a patient for an ambulance or paramedic
18 services when there is no transport of the individual; and
- 19 ▶ allows a fee to be charged for responding to a call if the geographic service area of
20 the ambulance or paramedic provider contains a town.

21 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

22 None

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24 None

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 AMENDS:

27 **26-8a-403**, as enacted by Chapter 141, Laws of Utah 1999

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29 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

30 Section 1. Section **26-8a-403** is amended to read:

31 **26-8a-403. Establishment of maximum rates.**

32 (1) The department shall, after receiving recommendations under Subsection (2),
33 establish maximum rates for ground ambulance providers and paramedic providers that are just
34 and reasonable.

35 (2) The committee may make recommendations to the department on the maximum
36 rates that should be set under Subsection (1).

37 (3) (a) The department shall prohibit ground ambulance providers and paramedic
38 providers from charging fees for transporting a patient when the provider does not transport the
39 patient.

40 (b) The provisions of Subsection (3)(a) do not apply to ambulance providers or
41 paramedic providers in a geographic service area which contains a town as defined in
42 Subsection 10-2-301(2)(f).