

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 ~~H→~~ **[responding to a call]**
11a **transporting a patient ←H** 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 ~~H→~~ **[responding to a call]** **transporting a patient ←H**
- 17a for an ambulance or paramedic
- 18 services when there is no transport of the individual ~~H→~~ **[or other medical services**
- 19 **provided to the individual] ←H** ; and
- 20 ▶ allows a fee to be charged for responding to a call if the geographic service area of
- 21 the ambulance or paramedic provider contains a municipality with a population
- 22 under 1,000.

23 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

24 None

25 **Other Special Clauses:**

26 None

27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**



28 AMENDS:

29 **26-8a-403**, as enacted by Chapter 141, Laws of Utah 1999

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

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

33 **26-8a-403. Establishment of maximum rates.**

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

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

39 (3) (a) The department shall prohibit ground ambulance providers and paramedic
40 providers from charging fees for ~~H→~~ [responding to a call] transporting a patient ~~←H~~
40a when the provider does not transport the

41 patient ~~H→~~ [or provide other medical services to the patient] ~~←H~~ .

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

Legislative Review Note

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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

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State Impact

There could be some loss of revenue to local governments that provide or contract for ambulance services, but it is estimated to be minimal. No state government fiscal impact.

Individual and Business Impact

Ambulance services in certain metropolitan service areas could lose the revenue from calls where no service or transportation is provided to the potential patient. Service calls could be as much as \$300 per call. Some ambulance services do not charge in these circumstances now.

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