

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*

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managed care-directed payments;

- 4. Establish a cost-based payment methodology in accordance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' rules and regulations;
- and
- 5. Promulgate administrative regulations necessary to carry out this section.

(3) To be eligible to receive state-directed payments under this section, a public ground ambulance provider shall:

- (a) Hold a valid Medicaid provider agreement;
- (b) Submit an annual cost report in accordance with administrative regulations promulgated by the department; and
- (c) Provide emergency medical transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries.