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Requested by: The Interim Committee on Emergency Medical Services Funding Task Force

1 **An Act to require reimbursement and coverage for certain services provided by an**
2 **ambulance service.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 28-6:**

5 The Department of Social Services shall reimburse an ambulance service, as
6 defined in § 34-11-2, for the following provided to a recipient of medical assistance under
7 this chapter:

8 (1) Ground transportation by ambulance to a hospital or other destination, as deemed
9 appropriate by the ambulance service's medical director or program director; and

10 (2) Health care services at the scene of a medical emergency that do not result in
11 transportation of the recipient to a hospital.

12 The department shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to establish and
13 annually adjust the reimbursement amount for each service provided pursuant to this
14 section, based on a percentage of current normal and customary fees in this state.

15 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 58-17:**

16 Each policy of health insurance that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in
17 this state, except for a policy that provides coverage for a specified disease or other limited
18 benefit coverage, must provide coverage for:

19 (1) Ground transportation of a patient by ambulance to a hospital or other destination,
20 as deemed appropriate by the ambulance service's medical director or program
21 director; and

22 (2) Health care services that are provided by an ambulance service, as defined in § 34-
23 11-2, to a patient at the scene of a medical emergency, and which do not result in
24 transportation of the patient to a hospital.

25 The benefits provided pursuant to this section are subject to the same dollar limits,
26 deductibles, coinsurance, and other limitations provided for other covered benefits in the
27 policy.

1 **Section 3. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 58-18:**

2 Each policy of group health insurance that is delivered, issued for delivery, or
3 renewed in this state, except for a policy that provides coverage for a specified disease or
4 other limited benefit coverage, must provide coverage for:

5 (1) Ground transportation of a patient by ambulance to a hospital or other destination,
6 as deemed appropriate by the ambulance service's medical director or program
7 director; and

8 (2) Health care services that are provided by an ambulance service, as defined in § 34-
9 11-2, to a patient at the scene of a medical emergency, and which do not result in
10 transportation of the patient to a hospital.

11 The benefits provided pursuant to this section are subject to the same dollar limits,
12 deductibles, coinsurance, and other limitations provided for other covered benefits in the
13 policy.