

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.
Act 553 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

SENATE BILL 356

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5 By: Senator Broadway
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS CAN BE TRANSPORTED
10 TO THE FACILITY OF CHOICE WITHOUT REGARD TO
11 SERVICE AREA RESTRICTIONS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TRANSPORTED TO THE FACILITY OF CHOICE
17 WITHOUT REGARD TO SERVICE AREA
18 RESTRICTIONS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-13-1003, concerning choice-of-care
24 facilities for patients transported by ambulance services, is amended to read
25 as follows:

26 20-13-1003. Choice-of-care facility – Reporting requirements –
27 Insurance coverage.

28 (a)(1)(A) A licensee under this subchapter ~~shall~~ may transport any
29 patient to the care facility of the patient's choice ~~within the service area~~
30 ~~of the ambulance~~ if the licensee considers service area limitations and
31 subject to applicable federal law and the licensee's local protocol.

32 (B) If the patient is unable to make a choice and if the
33 attending physician is present and has expressed a choice-of-care facility
34 ~~within the service area~~, the licensee ~~shall~~ may comply with the attending
35 physician's choice if the licensee considers service area limitations and



1 subject to applicable federal law.

2 (C) If the licensee patient is unable to make a choice, or
3 if the attending physician is not present or has not expressed a choice of
4 facility, ~~or there is no hospital in the service area of the ambulance,~~ the
5 licensee ~~shall~~ may transport the patient to the nearest appropriate care
6 facility and subject to applicable federal law.

7 (2) The licensee shall provide the care facility where the
8 patient was transported with a copy of an ambulance service encounter form
9 prescribed by the ~~Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human~~
10 ~~Services~~ Department of Health, which shall become a part of the patient's
11 medical records.

12 (b) Each licensee shall report in a format approved by the ~~division~~
13 department every request ~~which~~ that results in the dispatch of a vehicle.

14 (c)(1) Each licensee shall have in force and effect liability
15 insurance coverage issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in
16 the State of Arkansas for each vehicle owned and operated by or for the
17 applicant or licensee.

18 (2) The ~~division~~ department shall maintain evidence of proof of
19 current liability insurance coverage for each vehicle of each licensee.

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