

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2025

## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1850

By: Representatives L. Johnson, Perry  
By: Senator Irvin

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GROUND AMBULANCE  
SERVICES; TO CLARIFY THE MINIMUM ALLOWABLE  
REIMBURSEMENT FOR GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES; TO  
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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AMBULANCE SERVICES; TO CLARIFY THE  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-1802(a), concerning the minimum  
allowable reimbursement for ground ambulance services, is amended to read as  
follows:

(a)(1) The minimum allowable reimbursement rate under any health  
benefit plan issued by a healthcare insurer to a participating ground  
ambulance service provider or an out-of-network ground ambulance service  
provider shall be at the rates approved or contracted between ~~an~~ the  
ambulance service provider and ~~a~~ the local government entity as provided for  
in § 14-266-105.

(2) ~~In~~ On and after July 1, 2025, in the absence of rates set as  
provided under subdivision (a)(1) of this section, the minimum allowable rate  
of reimbursement under a health benefit plan issued by a healthcare insurer  
shall be the lesser of:



1                   (A) ~~The rate established by the Workers' Compensation~~  
2 ~~Commission under its medical fee schedule for ambulance services~~ Three  
3 hundred twenty-five percent (325%) of the Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule,  
4 Arkansas Rural Rate, as established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid  
5 Services at the time of the date of service for the same service provided; or

6                   (B) The provider's billed charges.  
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8           SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
9 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is necessary to resolve a  
10 conflict regarding in-network and out-of-network reimbursement rates for  
11 ambulance services; that the conflict is causing confusion between ambulance  
12 providers, insurers, and the State Insurance Department; and that this act is  
13 immediately necessary because to alleviate confusion concerning reimbursement  
14 rates for ambulance services. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist,  
15 and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
16 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

17                   (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

18                   (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
19 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
20 bill; or

21                   (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
22 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.  
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