

(i) "Program recipient" means an individual who receives benefits under the Program.

15-114.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER" MEANS A PUBLIC ENTITY OR VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE THAT PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(B) IF AN EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER CHARGES FOR ITS SERVICES AND REQUESTS REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REIMBURSE THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100 PER TRANSPORT, FOR THE COST OF:

(1) TRANSPORTATION THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER PROVIDES TO A PROGRAM RECIPIENT TO A FACILITY IN RESPONSE TO A 911 CALL; AND

(2) MEDICAL SERVICES THE EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTER PROVIDES TO THE PROGRAM RECIPIENT WHILE TRANSPORTING THE PROGRAM RECIPIENT TO A FACILITY IN RESPONSE TO A 911 CALL.

(C) ~~ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1998,~~ THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT ANY REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 1999, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt any regulations necessary to carry out § 15-114.1 of the Health - General Article as enacted under Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

SECTION 2. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 1998~~ July 1, 1999.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 411

(House Bill 918)

AN ACT concerning

Medicaid - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to reimburse certain public emergency service transporters for the costs of transportation and medical services provided to a Medicaid Program recipient during transport to certain facilities in response to a 911 call if the emergency service transporter charges for its services and requests reimbursement from