

the Program; setting a limit on the amount of reimbursement from the Program; requiring the Department to ~~adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date~~ negotiate the rate of reimbursement with certain public emergency service transporters for the costs of transportation and medical services provided to a Medicaid Program recipient ~~adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date;~~ defining a certain term; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to reimbursement for certain emergency service transporters under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article - Health - General
 Section 1-101(a) and (c) and 15-101(a), (c), (h), and (i)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article - Health - General
 Section 15-114.1
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

1-101.

- (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (c) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

15-101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (c) "Facility" means a hospital or nursing facility including an intermediate care facility, skilled nursing facility, comprehensive care facility, or extended care facility.
- (h) "Program" means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.
- (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.