



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BILL: House Bill 779 - Emergency Service Transporters and Emergency Medical Services Providers - Reimbursement

SPONSOR: Delegate Hornberger, et al.

HEARING DATE: March 4, 2020

COMMITTEE: Health and Government Operations

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POSITION: SUPPORT

The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 779 - Emergency Service Transporters and Emergency Medical Services Providers – Reimbursement**, which requires the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to reimburse an “emergency service transporter” for transportation of a Medicaid recipient to a facility in response to a 9-1-1 call (and any medical services provided during transport) at a rate of at least \$200 per transport. The bill also requires MDH to reimburse an emergency medical services (EMS) provider for “mobile integrated health services” provided to a Medicaid recipient with a minimum reimbursement rate set at \$100 per interaction. In addition, the bill expands the definition of “emergency service transporter” to include a commercial ambulance service.

The Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) program in the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department is implementing new outreach initiatives to increase enrollment and expand services to meet client needs. The MIH program provides many services, including health assessments, remote medical diagnosis, medication compliance/reconciliation, immunization/vaccination assistance, and chronic disease monitoring/education. This billing initiative would allow for the likely expansion of this worthwhile program, and an anticipated \$23,000 in revenue would be generated based on the Fire/EMS Department's analysis.

For the reasons stated above, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 779** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report.