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The Hon. Delores G. Kelley  
Senate Finance Committee  
3 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 295 Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transportation -  
Reimbursement  
Letter of Support

Dear Senator Kelley and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

The County Council of Cecil County unanimously supports SB 295 Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Emergency Service Transportation – Reimbursement, which is scheduled for a hearing on February 8, 2022.

It is our understanding that this legislation will allow Medicaid reimbursement to an emergency services transporter responding to 911 call when recipient is not transported to facility and increases amount of reimbursement by \$25 each year until the rate is at least \$300.

Cecil County volunteer fire companies provide all emergency services in response to 911 calls. The current Medicaid rate of reimbursement is \$100, while the actual cost to the transporter is \$700. Local fire companies can apply for supplemental payment under a State Plan Amendment, but the supplemental reimbursement does not cover the entire cost of service. Our fire companies may receive 50% match from the federal government under JEMSOP, which then must get additional funds from the counties for the unreimbursed difference.

The Cecil County Council respectfully requests that the Finance Committee consider a favorable report on SB 295.

Sincerely;

Robert Meffley  
Council President