

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 3243

Relating to billing for ground ambulance services

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Campos

HB 3243 prohibits a ground ambulance service from charging enrollees who have paid the in-network cost-sharing amount specified in their health benefit plan for covered ground ambulance services. Health benefit plans are required to reimburse ground ambulance service organizations at the established local rate, or if unavailable, at a minimum of 325% of the Medicare rate.

These organizations must submit a catalog of their local rates to the Department of Consumer and Business Services annually, and within five days of any rate change. The Department is required to maintain and publish a public database of these local rates and authorizes the agency to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 for violations of related rules.

The measure provides \$502,113 Other Funds expenditure limitation to the Department of Consumer and Business Services for two permanent full-time positions to implement the measure.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 3243 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.