

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 38.2-3407.9 of the Code of Virginia, relating to health insurance;*
3 *access to ambulance services.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That §§ 38.2-3407.9 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 38.2-3407.9. Reimbursement for ambulance services.

9 A. If an accident and sickness insurance policy provides coverage for ambulance services, any person
10 providing such services to a person covered under such policy shall receive reimbursement for such
11 services directly from the issuer of such policy, when the issuer of such policy is presented with an
12 assignment of benefits by the person providing such services.

13 B. No (i) insurer proposing to issue individual or group accident and sickness insurance policies
14 providing hospital, medical and surgical or major medical coverage on an expense-incurred basis, (ii)
15 corporation providing individual or group accident and sickness subscription contracts, or (iii) health
16 maintenance organization providing a health care plan for health care services shall establish or
17 promote an emergency medical response and transportation system that encourages or directs access by
18 a person covered under such policy, contract or plan in competition with or in substitution of an
19 emergency 911 system or other state, county or municipal emergency medical system for ambulance
20 services. An entity subject to this subsection may use transportation outside an emergency 911 system or
21 other state, county or municipal emergency medical system for services that are not ambulance services.

22 ~~B.~~ C. For the purposes of this section, "ambulance services" means the transportation of any person
23 requiring resuscitation or emergency relief or where human life is endangered, by means of any
24 ambulance, rescue or life-saving vehicle designed or used principally for such purposes. Such term
25 includes emergency medical services ambulances and mobile intensive care units. No (i) insurer
26 proposing to issue individual or group accident and sickness insurance policies providing hospital,
27 medical and surgical or major medical coverage on an expense-incurred basis, (ii) corporation
28 providing individual or group accident and sickness subscription contracts, or (iii) health maintenance
29 organization providing a health care plan for health care services shall require a person covered under
30 such policy, contract or plan to obtain prior authorization before accessing an emergency 911 system or
31 other state, county or municipal emergency medical system for ambulance services.

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