

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1038

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to medical assistance coverage of prehospital emergency medical services;"

Page 1, line 2, replace "an" with "legislative intent regarding state department of health assistance for ambulance medical assistance billings and for appropriated funds"

Page 1, line 3, remove "appropriation"

Page 1, line 10, remove "department", overstrike "and", overstrike "shall", and remove "offer financial assistance to"

Page 1, line 11, overstrike "certain prehospital emergency medical services as determined by the", remove "department", and overstrike "in"

Page 1, line 12, overstrike "obtaining equipment" and insert immediately thereafter "department"

Page 1, line 17, remove "and for financial assistance for"

Page 1, line 18, remove "equipment", overstrike "To qualify for financial assistance for equipment", remove "acquisition", and overstrike ", a prehospital"

Page 1, line 19, overstrike "emergency medical service shall certify, in the manner required by the"

Page 1, line 20, remove "department", overstrike ", that the service has fifty percent of the amount of funds necessary for", remove "the", and overstrike "identified"

Page 1, line 21, overstrike "equipment", remove "acquisition", overstrike ". The", remove "department", and overstrike "shall adopt a"

Page 1, line 22, overstrike the first "schedule", overstrike the first "for", remove "distribution of", and overstrike "financial assistance for equipment. The schedule must"

Page 1, line 23, remove "consider" and overstrike "the number"

Page 1, overstrike line 24

Page 2, line 1, overstrike "transportation, or both, to individuals who were sick or incapacitated"

Page 2, line 3, remove "; consider the prehospital emergency medical service expenses"

Page 2, line 4, remove "that are not dependent on response volume; and" and overstrike "classify responses and the financial"

Page 2, line 5, overstrike "assistance available for various classifications."

Page 2, after line 12, insert:

"**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 50-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Medical assistance - Prehospital emergency medical services. Medical assistance coverage provided by the department of human services must include coverage for prehospital emergency medical services. This coverage must include provider reimbursement at a rate of the lesser of one hundred percent of the amount billed or the rate established by the department of human services reimbursement schedule for any prehospital emergency medical services assessment commensurate with the level of training of the individual performing the assessment. This coverage must include prehospital emergency medical services benefits in the case of a medical condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity which may include severe pain and which a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of medical attention to result in placing the person's health in jeopardy, serious impairment of a bodily function, or serious dysfunction of any body part.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - PILOT PROJECT - AMBULANCE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BILLINGS. The state department of health during the 1999-2001 biennium shall provide assistance with medical assistance billings to six ambulance services on a pilot project basis at a cost of \$30,000 from funds, other than emergency medical services funding, appropriated to the department in House Bill No. 1004."

Page 2, line 13, replace "**APPROPRIATION**" with "**INTENT**" and replace "There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in" with "The funds appropriated"

Page 2, remove line 14

Page 2, line 15, remove "much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of health"

Page 2, line 16, replace "section" with "sections" and after "1" insert "and 2"

Page 2, line 17, after "2001" insert "include \$940,000 appropriated from the general fund in 1999 House Bill No. 1004 for training for volunteers and a total of \$489,800, of which \$146,880 is from the general fund appropriated in the medical assistance grants line item in 1999 Senate Bill No. 2012 for reimbursement of prehospital emergency medical services. The funds provided for training are for volunteer services based on \$2,200 for volunteer ambulance service training, \$500 for volunteer rescue squad training, \$500 for the initial training of volunteer emergency medical service providers, and \$1,500 for training of volunteer quick response units, subject to reallocation by the state department of health based on training applications and available funding"

Renumber accordingly