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H.B. No. 112

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to reimbursement rates for ambulance services under the
3 medical assistance program.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 32.0453 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 32.0453. REIMBURSEMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES. The
8 department shall set the reimbursement rate for a provider of an
9 ambulance service at a rate equal to 80 percent of the reimbursement
10 rate for the same service under the Medicare fee schedule.

11 SECTION 2. (a) The Texas Department of Human Services
12 shall as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act
13 determine the revised reimbursement rates required under Section
14 32.0453, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act, and, except as
15 provided by Subsection (b) of this section, implement the new rates
16 no later than January 1, 2004.

17 (b) If before implementing a provision of this Act a state
18 agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal
19 agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the
20 agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
21 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
22 waiver or authorization is granted.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.