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Sponsored by: Senator TROY SINGLETON District 7 (Burlington) Senator JEAN STANFIELD District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate of \$200 for basic life support emergency ambulance transportation services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning ambulance services provided under Medicaid 2 and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. The reimbursement rate for basic life support emergency 8 ambulance transportation services within the Medicaid program, 9 established pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), 10 whether the services are provided in the Medicaid fee-for-service 11 delivery system or through a managed care delivery system, shall be 12 no less than \$200 per transport. 13 14 The Commissioner of Human Services shall adopt rules and 2. 15 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, 16 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this act. 17 18 19 3. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such 20 State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this act and secure federal financial participation for 21 22 State Medicaid expenditures under the federal Medicaid program. 23 24 4. This act shall take effect immediately. 25 26 27 **STATEMENT** 28 29 This bill establishes a minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate of 30 \$200 for basic life support emergency ambulance transportation services, an increase of \$142 from the State's existing rate of \$58 31 per transport. In doing so, the sponsor aims to ensure that 32 emergency ambulance transportation providers, which deliver 33 34 integral medical services for those with unplanned urgent and life-35 threatening health conditions, are given the financial support necessary to serve the community. Currently, New Jersey has the 36 37 lowest Medicaid reimbursement rate for basic life support emergency ambulance transportation services in the region. 38 39 Surrounding states' rates range from \$65.27 in Delaware to \$293.90 40 in Connecticut. Moreover, pending legislation in Pennsylvania would increase that state's rate to \$325 per transport, which would 41 be the highest rate in the region. 42