

EMS Reimbursement Work group: Summary of SB 682

(Signed by Governor May 15, 2018)

Leadership: MIEMSS and MHCC will co-chair the work group.

Services: Reimbursement for the following services will be addressed by the work group:

- emergency medical services without transportation
- emergency medical services with transportation to an alternative destination
- mobile integrated health services

Timing: The reports described below are due to the legislature on January 1, 2019.

Task 1: Plan and Process for Public Insurance

Medicaid Plan: The work group will develop a statewide plan for the reimbursement of the services listed above when those services are provided by EMS providers to Maryland Medicaid Assistance Program recipients.

Medicare Process: The work group will identify a process for obtaining Medicare reimbursement for the services listed above, when those services are provided to Medicare beneficiaries by EMS providers.

Report for Task 1: The final product for this task is a report that contains a plan for Medicaid and a process for Medicare.

Members for Task 1: Maryland Department of Health, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Maryland Hospital Association, the Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Nurses Association, and managed care organizations in the State.

Task 2: Private Insurance Market

The work group will study and make recommendations regarding the desirability and feasibility of reimbursement for the services listed above, when services are provided to enrollees of health insurance, non-profit health plans, and health maintenance organizations by EMS providers.

Report for Task 2: The final product is a report that contains findings and recommendations from the study, including any legislative proposals.

Members for Task 2: Maryland Department of Health, the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Maryland Hospital Association, the Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Nurses Association, commercial health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations in the State.