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AN ACT

1 Providing for certification of community paramedics, for  
2 community paramedicine service coverage by casualty insurance  
3 carriers and for medical assistance reimbursement.

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1 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
2 hereby enacts as follows:

3 CHAPTER 1  
4 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

5 Section 101. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Community  
7 Paramedicine Services Act.

8 Section 102. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Community paramedicine services." Any of the following  
13 services provided by a community paramedicine provider:

- 14 (1) Coordination of community services.
- 15 (2) Chronic disease monitoring and education.
- 16 (3) Health assessments.
- 17 (4) Hospital discharge follow-up care.
- 18 (5) Medication compliance.
- 19 (6) Minor medical procedures approved by an emergency  
20 medical services agency medical director.
- 21 (7) Such other services as approved by regulation of the  
22 department.

23 "Community paramedicine provider." An individual who is an  
24 EMS provider and performs community paramedicine services.

25 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

26 "EMS provider." As defined in 35 Pa.C.S. § 8103 (relating to  
27 definitions).

28 "Health insurance policy." An individual or group health  
29 insurance policy, subscriber contract, certificate or plan that  
30 provides medical or health care coverage by any health care

1 facility or licensed health care provider that is offered by or  
2 is governed under the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284),  
3 known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, or any of the  
4 following:

5 (1) Subarticle (f) of Article IV of the act of June 13,  
6 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code.

7 (2) The act of December 29, 1972 (P.L.1701, No.364),  
8 known as the Health Maintenance Organization Act.

9 (3) A nonprofit corporation subject to 40 Pa.C.S. Chs.  
10 61 (relating to hospital plan corporations) and 63 (relating  
11 to professional health services plan corporations).

12 The term includes a Medicare supplement policy.

13 "Secretary." The Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth.

#### 14 CHAPTER 3

#### 15 COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICES

16 Section 301. Certification.

17 An individual who is certified for any of the types of EMS  
18 providers enumerated under 35 Pa.C.S. § 8113(a) (relating to  
19 emergency medical services providers) shall be entitled to  
20 provide community paramedicine services, subject to disciplinary  
21 action pursuant to 35 Pa.C.S. § 8121 (relating to certification  
22 sanctions).

23 Section 302. Status.

24 A community paramedicine provider shall be deemed an  
25 emergency medical services provider or EMS provider for purposes  
26 of 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 81 (relating to emergency medical services  
27 system).

28 Section 303. Regulations.

29 Within one year of the effective date of this section, the  
30 department shall promulgate regulations to carry out the

1 provisions of this chapter. The regulations shall establish  
2 certification, practice, disciplinary and other standards  
3 consistent with the purposes of this chapter and with the  
4 requirements applicable to EMS providers, except as necessary to  
5 meet the need for community paramedicine providers.

6 CHAPTER 5

7 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

8 Section 501. Casualty insurance coverage.

9 (a) General rule.--A health insurance policy delivered,  
10 issued, executed or renewed in this Commonwealth on or after the  
11 effective date of this section shall provide coverage for  
12 community paramedicine services.

13 (b) Copayments, coinsurance and deductible amounts.--  
14 Coverage under this section shall remain subject to any  
15 copayment, coinsurance or deductible amounts set forth in the  
16 policy.

17 (c) Prerequisites for coverage.--To qualify for coverage  
18 under this section, community paramedicine services must be:

19 (1) Ordered by an emergency medical services agency  
20 medical director.

21 (2) Part of a patient care plan that has been developed  
22 by the patient's health care practitioner, in conjunction  
23 with the emergency medical services agency medical director.

24 (d) Duty of Department of Human Services.--The Department of  
25 Human Services shall seek such waivers or Federal approvals as  
26 may be necessary to ensure that actions taken pursuant to this  
27 section comply with applicable Federal law.

28 (e) Nonapplicability.--This section shall not apply to the  
29 following types of policies:

30 (1) Accident only.

- 1 (2) Limited benefit.
- 2 (3) Credit.
- 3 (4) Dental.
- 4 (5) Vision.
- 5 (6) Specified disease.
- 6 (7) Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed
- 7 Services (CHAMPUS) supplement.
- 8 (8) Long-term care or disability income.
- 9 (9) Workers' compensation.
- 10 (10) Automobile medical payment.

11 Section 502. Medical assistance reimbursement.

12 (a) Duty of Secretary of Human Services.--The Secretary of  
13 Human Services shall, in consultation with the Department of  
14 Health and representatives of emergency medical services  
15 providers, physicians, public health nurses and local public  
16 health agencies, determine specified services and payment rates  
17 for community paramedicine services to be performed by community  
18 paramedicine providers under this act, to be covered by medical  
19 assistance under the laws of this Commonwealth.

20 (b) Payment.--

21 (1) Payment for community paramedicine services must be  
22 billed by an eligible medical assistance enrolled provider  
23 that employs or contracts with the community paramedicine  
24 provider.

25 (2) In determining the community paramedicine services  
26 to include under medical assistance coverage, the Secretary  
27 of Human Services shall consider the potential of hospital  
28 admittance, emergency room utilization deductions and  
29 increased access to quality care.

30 CHAPTER 7

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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2 Section 701. (Reserved).

3 Section 702. Effective date.

4 This act shall take effect in 60 days.