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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 26, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for certification of
3 community paramedicine providers, for community paramedicine
4 service coverage by casualty insurance carriers and for
5 medical assistance reimbursement.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 41

11 COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICES

12 Subchapter

13 A. Preliminary Provisions

14 B. Community Paramedicine Services

15 C. Financial Provisions

16 SUBCHAPTER A

17 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

18 Sec.

1 4101. Definitions.

2 § 4101. Definitions.

3 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
4 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
5 context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "Community paramedicine provider." An individual who is
7 certified as an EMS provider with additional training pursuant
8 to 28 Pa. Code Pt. VII (relating to emergency medical services)
9 and who has successfully completed an education program for
10 community paramedicine health care as prescribed by the
11 department by regulation. A community paramedicine provider
12 shall also be considered a "community health worker" for
13 purposes of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
14 (Public Law 111-148, 124 Stat. 119).

15 "Community paramedicine services." Services, provided by
16 certified EMS providers acting within their scope of practice
17 pursuant to 28 Pa. Code Pt. VII, to provide outreach, injury and
18 illness prevention and assistance, based on local need, to
19 patients who do not require emergency medical transportation.

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

21 "EMS provider." As defined in section 8103 (relating to
22 definitions).

23 "Health insurance policy." An individual or group health
24 insurance policy, subscriber contract, certificate or plan that
25 provides medical or health care coverage by any health care
26 facility or licensed health care provider that is offered by or
27 is governed under the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284),
28 known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, or any of the
29 following:

30 (1) Subarticle (f) of Article IV of the act of June 13,

1 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code.

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

4 (3) A nonprofit corporation subject to 40 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61
5 (relating to hospital plan corporations) or 63 (relating to
6 professional health services plan corporations).

7 The term includes a Medicare supplement policy.

8 SUBCHAPTER B

9 COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICES

10 Sec.

11 4111. Certification.

12 4112. Status.

13 4113. Regulations.

14 § 4111. Certification.

15 An individual who is certified for any of the types of EMS
16 providers enumerated under section 8113(a) (relating to
17 emergency medical services providers) shall be permitted to
18 provide community paramedicine services, subject to disciplinary
19 action pursuant to section 8121 (relating to certification
20 sanctions).

21 § 4112. Status.

22 A community paramedicine provider shall be deemed an
23 emergency medical services provider or EMS provider for purposes
24 of Chapter 81 (relating to emergency medical services system).

25 § 4113. Regulations.

26 Within one year of the effective date of this section, the
27 department shall promulgate regulations to carry out the
28 provisions of this chapter. The regulations shall establish
29 certification, practice, disciplinary and other standards
30 consistent with the purposes of this chapter and with the

1 requirements applicable to EMS providers, except as necessary to
2 meet the need for community paramedicine providers.

3 SUBCHAPTER C

4 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

5 Sec.

6 4121. Casualty insurance coverage.

7 4122. Medical assistance reimbursement.

8 § 4121. 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 chapter 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 chapter, community paramedicine services must be part
19 of a care plan ordered by an emergency services agency medical
20 director, primary health care provider or health insurer as
21 follows:

22 (1) The care plan should ensure that community
23 paramedicine services provided by a community paramedicine
24 provider are coordinated with other community resources where
25 available.

26 (2) Community paramedicine services shall not duplicate
27 services already provided to the patient.

28 (3) Community paramedicine services shall include the
29 following:

30 (i) Coordination of community services.

1 (ii) Health assessment.

2 (iii) Chronic disease monitoring and education.

3 (iv) Medication compliance.

4 (v) Hospital discharge follow-up care.

5 (vi) Minor medical procedures ordered by an
6 emergency services agency medical director or primary
7 health care provider.

8 (vii) Such other services as approved by regulation
9 of the department.

10 (d) Duty of Department of Human Services.--The Department of
11 Human Services shall seek such waivers or Federal approvals as
12 may be necessary to ensure that actions taken under this section
13 comply with applicable Federal law.

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

16 (1) Limited benefit.

17 (2) Credit.

18 (3) Dental.

19 (4) Vision.

20 (5) Long-term care or disability income.

21 § 4122. Medical assistance reimbursement.

22 (a) Duty of Secretary of Human Services.--The Secretary of
23 Human Services shall, in consultation with the department and
24 representatives of emergency medical services providers,
25 physicians and local public health agencies, determine specified
26 services and payment rates for community paramedicine services
27 to be performed by community paramedicine providers under this
28 chapter to be covered by medical assistance under the laws of
29 this Commonwealth.

30 (b) Payment.--

1 (1) Payment for community paramedicine services under
2 this chapter must be part of a care plan ordered by a primary
3 health care provider or medical director of an ambulance
4 service and must be billed by an eligible provider enrolled
5 in medical assistance that employs or contracts with the
6 community paramedicine provider.

7 (2) In determining the community paramedicine services
8 to include under medical assistance coverage, the Secretary
9 of Human Services shall consider the potential of hospital
10 admittance, emergency room utilization deductions, need for
11 social services and increased access to quality care.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.