



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1344

PRINTERS NO. 2676

PRIME SPONSOR: O'Neill

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1344, Printer's Number 2676, amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) by adding a section requiring insurers to pay claims directly to an emergency medical services agency when an assignment of benefits is executed. This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) by adding a section requiring insurers to pay claims directly to an emergency medical services (EMS) agency when an assignment of benefits is executed. It defines an insurer as "an entity that is responsible for providing or paying for all or part of the cost of ambulance services covered by an insurance policy, contract or plan." The term does not include an entity that is responsible for providing or paying for other insurance policies or contracts, such as, but not limited to, accident only, dental, vision, Medicare and other supplemental insurance policies for long-term care or disability income.

The bill requires that payments made by an insurer for a claim covered under a health insurance policy for a service performed by the EMS agency during the call shall be paid directly to the EMS agency. These changes shall apply only to emergency medical services agencies that are nonnetwork providers.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this bill will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*