



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 339

PRINTERS NO. 1693

PRIME SPONSOR: Barrar

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact" below.

SUMMARY:

House Bill 339 amends the Insurance Company Law of 1921 concerning emergency services. It would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

This legislation would require a managed care plan to pay all reasonably necessary costs associated with the provision of emergency services when an emergency medical services agency is dispatched by a 911 call center to provide medically necessary emergency care, including advanced life support services, to an individual covered by the managed care plan, even if the covered individual does not require transport or refuses to be transported.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will likely have an impact on Commonwealth funds by increasing state Medical Assistance expenditures. Medical Assistance currently does not pay emergency medical service providers unless a patient is transported. Based on available data, a patient is not transported on approximately 18% of emergency calls.

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