



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 699

PRINTERS NO. 1948

PRIME SPONSOR: Causer

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 699, Printer's Number 1948, amends the Human Services Code to provide for increased Medical Assistance (MA) reimbursement rates for services provided by air and ground ambulance companies. This legislation is effective immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends Section 443.6, Reimbursement for Certain Medical Assistance Items and Services, of the Human Services Code to establish payment floors for MA ambulance transportation services in the capitation and fee-for-service programs as follows:

- For basic life support (BLS) services, not less than \$180.
- For advanced life support (ALS) services, not less than \$300.
- For air ambulance transport, not less than \$3,325.53.
- For ground mileage, not less than \$2 for each loaded mile.
- For air mileage, not less than \$22.45 per patient loaded mile.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Using fiscal year 2016-17 ambulance service utilization information provided by the Department of Human Services, enactment of this legislation would increase costs in the Medical Assistance program by \$15.182 million in state funds and \$26.388 million in federal funds annually.

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