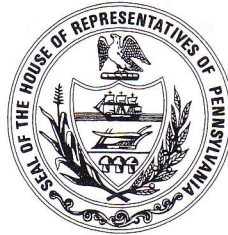


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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 25, 2011  
**To:** All House Members  
**From:** Representative Gary Haluska  
**Subject:** Re-Introduction of Legislation: *Emergency Medical Services (Formerly HB 257)*

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In the near future, I will be re-introducing legislation to address billing issues faced by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers across the Commonwealth. I believe it is imperative that EMS providers receive proper compensation for the invaluable services they provide to the people of Pennsylvania.

Because of the volume and complexity of these services, coupled with the fact that many of these companies are staffed by volunteers, preparing claims for HMOs can often take several months. They also lack the capability other health care providers have to prepare and submit claims within a much shorter time frame. Consequently, EMS companies are sometimes unable to obtain reimbursements for services rendered. Therefore, I am introducing a measure to amend the Health Maintenance Organization Act to increase the claim filing time for ambulance service to 180 days.

The following members cosponsored House Bill 257 last session:

BOYD, BUXTON, CARROLL, CAUSER, COHEN, CREIGHTON, DALEY, FABRIZIO, FLECK, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE, HESS, KILLION, KORTZ, KULA, LONGIETTI, MILLER, MOUL, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, ROCK, STABACK, SWANGER, THOMAS, AND YOUNGBLOOD.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Marilyn Juran at [mjuran@pahouse.net](mailto:mjuran@pahouse.net)

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