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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for certification of
3 community paramedics, for community paramedicine service
4 coverage by casualty insurance carriers and for medical
5 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 part to read:

10 PART II

11 PUBLIC HEALTH

12 Chapter

13 41. Community Paramedicine Services

14 CHAPTER 41

15 COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICES

16 Subchapter

17 A. Preliminary Provisions

18 B. Community Paramedicine Services

19 C. Financial Provisions

1 known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, or any of the
2 following:

3 (1) Subarticle (f) of Article IV of the act of June 13,
4 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code.

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

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

10 The term includes a Medicare supplement policy.

11 SUBCHAPTER B

12 COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE SERVICES

13 Sec.

14 4111. Certification.

15 4112. Status.

16 4113. Regulations.

17 § 4111. Certification.

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

24 § 4112. Status.

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

28 § 4113. Regulations.

29 Within one year of the effective date of this section, the
30 department shall promulgate regulations to carry out the

1 provisions of this chapter. The regulations shall establish
2 certification, practice, disciplinary and other standards
3 consistent with the purposes of this chapter and with the
4 requirements applicable to EMS providers, except as necessary to
5 meet the need for community paramedicine providers.

6 SUBCHAPTER C

7 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

8 Sec.

9 4121. Casualty insurance coverage.

10 4122. Medical assistance reimbursement.

11 § 4121. Casualty insurance coverage.

12 (a) General rule.--A health insurance policy delivered,
13 issued, executed or renewed in this Commonwealth on or after the
14 effective date of this section shall provide coverage for
15 community paramedicine services.

16 (b) Copayments, coinsurance and deductible amounts.--
17 Coverage under this chapter shall remain subject to any
18 copayment, coinsurance or deductible amounts set forth in the
19 policy.

20 (c) Prerequisites for coverage.--To qualify for coverage
21 under this chapter, community paramedicine services must be part
22 of a care plan ordered by an emergency services agency medical
23 director, primary health care provider or health insurer as
24 follows:

25 (1) The care plan should ensure that community
26 paramedicine services provided by a community paramedic are
27 coordinated with other community resources where available.

28 (2) Community paramedic services shall not duplicate
29 services already provided to the patient.

30 (3) Community paramedic services shall include the

1 following:

2 (i) Coordination of community services.

3 (ii) Health assessment.

4 (iii) Chronic disease monitoring and education.

5 (iv) Medication compliance.

6 (v) Hospital discharge follow-up care.

7 (vi) Minor medical procedures ordered by an

8 emergency services agency medical director or primary

9 health care provider.

10 (vii) Such other services as approved by regulation

11 of the department.

12 (d) Duty of Department of Human Services.--The Department of

13 Human Services shall seek such waivers or Federal approvals as

14 may be necessary to ensure that actions taken under this section

15 comply with applicable Federal law.

16 (e) Nonapplicability.--This section shall not apply to the

17 following types of policies:

18 (1) Limited benefit.

19 (2) Credit.

20 (3) Dental.

21 (4) Vision.

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

23 § 4122. Medical assistance reimbursement.

24 (a) Duty of Secretary of Human Services.--The Secretary of

25 Human Services shall, in consultation with the department and

26 representatives of emergency medical services providers,

27 physicians and local public health agencies, determine specified

28 services and payment rates for community paramedicine services

29 to be performed by community paramedicine providers under this

30 chapter to be covered by medical assistance under the laws of

1 this Commonwealth.

2 (b) Payment.--

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

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

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