

**Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB101

Patron: Stanley

Bill Title: Med. assistance serv.; supplemental payment for ground emerg. medical serv. vehicle transportation

Bill Summary: Directs the State Board of Health to include a provision in the state plan for medical assistance services to implement a supplemental payment program for qualified volunteer emergency medical services (EMS) agencies to cover the difference between the agency's costs for ground emergency medical services vehicle transport services and the reimbursement amount received from the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS).

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 291, 295

Explanation: DMAS will require funding to make the required supplemental payments as well as administer this program.

Fiscal Summary: It is assumed that the state share of the supplemental payments required by this bill would need to be covered with general fund dollars. While the cost of these payments may be significant, an estimate cannot be determined at this time as there is insufficient provider-specific information. In addition, DMAS would require approximately \$1.7 million (\$1.0 million general fund) each year to administer this program.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
DMAS (602) Admin	-	\$1,033,000	\$783,000	\$783,000	\$783,000	\$783,000
DMAS (602) Medical	-	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
DMAS (602) Admin	-	\$1,033,000	\$783,000	\$783,000	\$783,000	\$783,000
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Fiscal Analysis: DMAS estimates that there are approximately 261 volunteer EMS agencies in the Commonwealth that would potentially qualify for this supplemental payment program. The proposed bill does not authorize any source of revenue to support the state share of supplemental payment costs. As such, it is assumed that the general fund would cover such costs. While payments are expected to have a significant cost, the amount that would be paid to volunteer EMS agencies cannot be determined at this time. Payment amounts will depend on each agency's actual cost of providing emergency medical transportation to Medicaid members. DMAS currently does not have access to this information. Without historical cost settlement

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information, DMAS cannot develop an estimate. Given these uncertainties, the fiscal impact on medical assistance payments is indeterminate.

DMAS has indicated that there will be administrative costs associated with implementing the provisions of this bill that cannot be absorbed within existing agency resources. At a minimum, DMAS expects that the agency will be required to perform annual cost settlement activities with each participating EMS agency at a cost of cost approximately \$6,000 per cost report. This would generate a total cost of \$1,566,000 (\$783,000 general fund) each year as it is assumed all volunteer agencies would participate. In addition, DMAS estimates that approximately \$500,000 (\$250,000 general fund) would be required for one-time system changes to fiscal agent services and provider services solution systems to identify eligible providers. It is assumed that administrative costs would be funded with 50 percent federal funds and 50 percent state funds.

Other: None