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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. BRESLIN, SEWARD, ADDABBO, BROOKS, FUNKE, GALLIVAN, PERSAUD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to reimbursement for ambulance services

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph 24 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the
2 insurance law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (F) to read as
3 follows:

4 (F) An insurer who issues reimbursement under this paragraph shall
5 submit such payments either directly to the provider at the rates nego-
6 tiated between the provider and the insurer, or if no rate has been
7 negotiated between the provider and insurer, then to the insured in the
8 form of a joint check specifying as payees both the insured and the
9 provider of ambulance services, at the usual and customary charge, which
10 shall not be excessive or unreasonable; provided however, if the provid-
11 er of ambulance services has on file a duly executed assignment of bene-
12 fits for such services to the insurer, notwithstanding any policy
13 language to the contrary, the issuer shall accept such assignment of
14 benefits and the insurer shall issue reimbursement solely to the provid-
15 er. An insurer issuing payment in the form of a joint check shall notify
16 the provider via electronic communication of the issuance of such
17 payment. The notification shall include the name of the patient, the
18 date of service, the date of payment, the amount of payment and the
19 address to which the payment was sent.

20 § 2. Paragraph 15 of subsection (1) of section 3221 of the insurance
21 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (F) to read as follows:

22 (F) An insurer who issues reimbursement under this paragraph shall
23 submit such payments either directly to the provider at the rates nego-
24 tiated between the provider and the insurer, or if no rate has been

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 negotiated between the provider and insurer, then to the insured in the
2 form of a joint check specifying as payees both the insured and the
3 provider of ambulance services, at the usual and customary charge, which
4 shall not be excessive or unreasonable; provided however, if the provid-
5 er of ambulance services has on file a duly executed assignment of bene-
6 fits for such services to the insurer, notwithstanding any policy
7 language to the contrary, the insurer shall accept such assignment of
8 benefits and the insurer shall issue reimbursement solely to the provid-
9 er. An insurer issuing payment in the form of a joint check shall notify
10 the provider via electronic communication of the issuance of such
11 payment. The notification shall include the name of the patient, the
12 date of service, the date of payment, the amount of payment and the
13 address to which the payment was sent.

14 § 3. Subsection (aa) of section 4303 of the insurance law is amended
15 by adding a new paragraph 6 to read as follows:

16 (6) An insurer who issues reimbursement under this subsection shall
17 submit such payments either directly to the provider at the rates nego-
18 tiated between the provider and the insurer, or if no rate has been
19 negotiated between the provider and insurer, then to the insured in the
20 form of a joint check specifying as payees both the insured and the
21 provider of ambulance services, at the usual and customary charge, which
22 shall not be excessive or unreasonable; provided however, if the provid-
23 er of ambulance services has on file a duly executed assignment of bene-
24 fits for such services to the insurer, notwithstanding any policy
25 language to the contrary, the insurer shall accept such assignment of
26 benefits and the insurer shall issue reimbursement solely to the provid-
27 er. An insurer issuing payment in the form of a joint check shall notify
28 the provider via electronic communication of the issuance of such
29 payment. The notification shall include the name of the patient, the
30 date of service, the date of payment, the amount of payment and the
31 address to which the payment was sent.

32 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.