

## LEGISLATIVE VICTORY

### Direct Insurance Payments to Ambulance Providers

A new law will go into effect, which ensures that providers of ambulance services receive direct payments from insurance companies for services without the need to be a preferred provider.

This law goes into effect on January 1, 2025



#### What was the law before?

Previously, unless an ambulance service was a preferred provider of an insurance company, insurers would pay the cost of services directly to the patient, who was then supposed to forward that payment to the ambulance provider.

#### What is the law now?

Now, providers of ambulance services will receive direct payments from insurance companies for services without the need to be a preferred provider.

#### Why does this matter?

When payments went to patients, oftentimes, the money never made its way to ambulance providers. This means that those providers would not be paid for their services, creating significant costs for local governments and other providers across the state.

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