

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2625

Introduced by Assembly Member Boerner Horvath

February 20, 2020

An act to add Section 1371.56 to the Health and Safety Code, and to add Section 10126.7 to the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2625, as introduced, Boerner Horvath. Emergency ground medical transportation.

Existing law, the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care and makes a willful violation of the act a crime. Existing law also provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Existing law requires that health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies provide coverage for certain services and treatments, including emergency medical transportation services.

This bill would require a health care service plan contract or a health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2021, that offers coverage for emergency ground medical transportation services to include those services as in-network services and would require the plan or insurer to pay those services at the contracted rate pursuant to the plan contract or policy. Because a willful violation of the bill's requirements relative to a health care service plan would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1371.56 is added to the Health and Safety
2 Code, to read:

3 1371.56. A health care service plan contract issued, amended,
4 or renewed on or after January 1, 2021, that offers coverage for
5 emergency ground medical transportation services shall include
6 those services as in-network services and shall pay those services
7 at contracted rates pursuant to the plan contract.

8 SEC. 2. Section 10126.7 is added to the Insurance Code, to
9 read:

10 10126.7. A health insurance policy issued, amended, or
11 renewed on or after January 1, 2021, that offers coverage for
12 emergency ground medical transportation services shall include
13 those services as in-network services and shall pay those services
14 at contracted rates pursuant to the policy.

15 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
16 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
17 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
18 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
19 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
20 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
21 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
22 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
23 Constitution.