



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5438**

LCO No. 1924

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 38a-498 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (b) (1) [Each] On and after January 1, 2012, such individual health  
5 insurance policy shall provide that any payment by such company,  
6 corporation or center for emergency ambulance services under  
7 coverage required by this section shall be paid directly to the  
8 ambulance provider rendering such service not later than sixty days  
9 after such service is provided if such provider has complied with the  
10 provisions of this subsection and has not received payment for such  
11 service from any other source.

12 (2) Any ambulance provider submitting a bill for direct payment  
13 pursuant to this section shall stamp the following statement on the face  
14 of each bill: "NOTICE: This bill subject to mandatory assignment  
15 pursuant to Connecticut general statutes".

16 (3) This subsection shall not apply to any transaction between an  
17 ambulance provider and an insurance company, hospital or medical  
18 service corporation, health care center or other entity if the parties  
19 have entered into a contract providing for direct payment.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 38a-525 of the general statutes is  
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
22 *passage*):

23 (b) (1) [Each] On and after January 1, 2012, such group health  
24 insurance policy shall provide that any payment by such company,  
25 corporation or center for emergency ambulance services under  
26 coverage required by this section shall be paid directly to the  
27 ambulance provider rendering such service not later than sixty days  
28 after such service is provided if such provider has complied with the  
29 provisions of this subsection and has not received payment for such  
30 service from any other source.

31 (2) Any ambulance provider submitting a bill for direct payment  
32 pursuant to this section shall stamp the following statement on the face  
33 of each bill: "NOTICE: This bill subject to mandatory assignment  
34 pursuant to Connecticut general statutes".

35 (3) This subsection shall not apply to any transaction between an  
36 ambulance provider and an insurance company, hospital or medical  
37 service corporation, health care center or other entity if the parties  
38 have entered into a contract providing for direct payment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	38a-498(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	38a-525(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require payments to ambulance service providers not later than sixty days after services are provided.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*