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Re: SB-594, An Act Restoring Reimbursement Levels for Emergency Ambulance Transportation

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) **supports SB-594** which will increase Medicaid reimbursement levels for emergency ambulance transportation services. Because reimbursement levels were reduced in previous years, municipal employers have had to shoulder more of the costs for this care. This is a particular problem in rural areas where patients have to be transported over a large geographic area.

Shifting more costs onto already escalating municipal health insurance premiums is imposing a significant burden on small towns and cities.

COST urges support for SB-594 to restore reimbursement levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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