



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2005 and 2006**  
**HB1366**

Introduced 02/09/05, by Rep. Dave Winters

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

305 ILCS 5/5-4.2

from Ch. 23, par. 5-4.2

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. In provisions concerning ambulance service payments under the Medicaid program, provides that for ambulance services provided to a Medicaid recipient on or after January 1, 2006, the Department of Public Aid shall reimburse providers of medical transportation services by means of a medi-car or service car at a rate that is uniform throughout the State and does not vary by county or other geographic region.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 5-4.2 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-4.2) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-4.2)

7 Sec. 5-4.2. Ambulance services payments. For ambulance  
8 services provided to a recipient of aid under this Article on  
9 or after January 1, 1993, the Illinois Department shall  
10 reimburse ambulance service providers at rates calculated in  
11 accordance with this Section. It is the intent of the General  
12 Assembly to provide adequate reimbursement for ambulance  
13 services so as to ensure adequate access to services for  
14 recipients of aid under this Article and to provide appropriate  
15 incentives to ambulance service providers to provide services  
16 in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Thus, it is the  
17 intent of the General Assembly that the Illinois Department  
18 implement a reimbursement system for ambulance services that,  
19 to the extent practicable and subject to the availability of  
20 funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose, is  
21 consistent with the payment principles of Medicare. To ensure  
22 uniformity between the payment principles of Medicare and  
23 Medicaid, the Illinois Department shall follow, to the extent  
24 necessary and practicable and subject to the availability of  
25 funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose,  
26 the statutes, laws, regulations, policies, procedures,  
27 principles, definitions, guidelines, and manuals used to  
28 determine the amounts paid to ambulance service providers under  
29 Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare).

30 For ambulance services provided to a recipient of aid under  
31 this Article on or after January 1, 1996, the Illinois  
32 Department shall reimburse ambulance service providers based

1 upon the actual distance traveled if a natural disaster,  
2 weather conditions, road repairs, or traffic congestion  
3 necessitates the use of a route other than the most direct  
4 route.

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, for  
6 ambulance services provided to a recipient of aid under this  
7 Article on or after January 1, 2006, the Department of Public  
8 Aid shall reimburse providers of medical transportation  
9 services by means of a medi-car or service car at a rate that  
10 is uniform throughout the State and does not vary by county or  
11 other geographic region.

12 For purposes of this Section, "ambulance services"  
13 includes medical transportation services provided by means of  
14 an ambulance, medi-car, service car, or taxi.

15 This Section does not prohibit separate billing by  
16 ambulance service providers for oxygen furnished while  
17 providing advanced life support services.

18 (Source: P.A. 88-104; 89-43, eff. 1-1-96.)