

CURRENT LEGISLATION IMPACTING EMS

Bill #	Title	Lead Sponsors	EMS Impact	Bill Intent	Status
H.R. 2538	Comprehensive Alternative Response for Emergencies (CARE) Act	Reps. Carey (R-OH), Doggett (D-TX)	The bill requires the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMS) to test an emergency medical services treatment-in-place (TIP) model under the Medicare program. NAEMT estimates \$1.5 billion in Medicare savings with TIP.	Reimbursement	https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/2538
S. 5400 (118th Congress)	Improving Access to Emergency Medical Services Act	Sen. Collins (R-ME)	Companion to H.R. 2538.	Reimbursement	https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/5400
S.3236 (118th Congress)	Emergency Medical Services Reimbursement for On-scene Care and Support Act (EMS ROCS)	Sens. Welch (D-VT), Sanders (I-VT)	The bill provides Medicare reimbursement for EMS for Treatment in Place (TIP) patient care when transportation to the hospital is not required. NAEMT estimates \$1.5 billion in Medicare savings with TIP.	Reimbursement	https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/3236
H.R. 6257 (118th Congress)	Emergency Medical Services Reimbursement for On-scene Care and Support Act (EMS ROCS)	Rep. Balint (D-VT)	Companion bill to S.3236	Reimbursement	https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/6257
H.R. 4011	Community Paramedicine Act of 2025	Reps. Cleaver (D-MO), Harshbarger (R-TN)	This bill creates an HHS grant program authorizing \$25 million per year for five years to support community paramedicine services; awards up to \$750,000 for individual applicants and \$1.5 million for joint; establishes a national advisory board to review grant applications in rural and underserved areas.	Funding	https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/8042
H.R. 3443	When Seconds Count for Emergency Medical Patients Act	Reps. Hudson (R-NC), Dingell (D-MI)	Directs CMMI to create a new payment model providing ground and air ambulance services with a supplemental payment for specified life-sustaining EMS medications and blood products; requires MedPAC to submit a report to Congress on payment for EMS and recommendations; and instructs HHS to issue guidance to hospitals to address "wall time" (>30 minutes for hand off).	Reimbursement	https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/3443

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H.R. 2220	Preserve Access to Rapid Ambulance Emergency Medical Treatment (PARA-EMT) Act	Reps. Perez (D-CA), Finstad (R-MN)	Establishes an HHS pilot program to award grants to EMS agencies to support the recruitment and training of EMTs and paramedics to address workforce shortages. The bill authorizes \$70 million per year for five years.	Funding	https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/2220
H.R. 1737 (118th Congress)	Supporting Our First Responders Act	Reps. Kim (D-NJ), Carey (R-OH)	Establishes an HHS competitive grant program to improve EMS readiness for training, salaries, vehicles, equipment, and maintenance of facilities. The bill authorizes \$50 million per year for five years.	Funding	https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1737
H.R. 4646 (118th Congress)	Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs (SIREN) Reauthorization Act	Rep. Joyce (R-PA)	Companion to S. 265.	Funding	https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/4646
S. 265 (118th Congress)	Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs (SIREN) Reauthorization Act	Sen. Durbin (D-IL)	Extends SIREN Act authorization for five years. SIREN provides grant awards to rural communities for training EMS personnel and assistance for equipment purchases. CBO estimates appropriations of \$11 million per year for five years. Enacted on 9/26/2024.	Funding	https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/265
H.R. 2232	Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act	Reps. Tenney (R-NY), Sewell (D-AL), Bentz (R-OR), Tonko (D-NY)	Extends the current increases under the Medicare ambulance fee schedule for another three years (2% urban, 3% rural, and 22.6% super rural Medicare add on payments). The current extension expires Sept. 30, 2025.	Reimbursement	https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/2232
S.1643	Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act	Sens. Cortez Mastro (D-NV), Collins (R-ME)	Extends the Medicare ambulance fee schedule for another three years at higher rates (3.4% urban, 4.3% rural, and 26.2% for the super rural Medicare add on payments). The current extension expires Sept. 30, 2025.	Reimbursement	https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/1643
H.R.6140 (118th Congress)	Facilitating Access to Swiftly Transport Goods during a Publicly Announced State of Emergency Situation (FAST PASS)	Reps. Ezell (R-MS), Garamendi (D-CA)	Requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to examine processes that expedite the movement of critical medical supplies through ports and marine terminals. DOT would study within one year of enactment and report its findings to Congress within another year. Authorizes DOT to establish one or more pilot programs to expedite the movement of cargo through ports and marine terminals. Enacted in December 2024.	Supply Chain	https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/6140