



To: Chairs of HHS Conference Committee

Re: Provisions of the No Surprise Billing Act Language

Date: 5-08-2022

Dear Chairs,

Please accept this letter of concern from the MN Ambulance Association regarding the Surprise Billing Act language in the House version of the HHS bill.

Although the language does refer to Federal Act that passed Congress, our legal team at the American Ambulance Association has concerns that the Minnesota specific legislation may pull in Minnesota Ambulance services inadvertently.

The Federal language specifically excluded ambulance services from the Surprise act until a work group meets Federally and evaluates a CMS rate study on under-payment of ambulance services and the impact to the already fragile national ambulance industry.

The Ambulance Association suggest that you clarify this language would adhere to the intent of the Federal act that would continue to exempt Minnesota ambulance services as you consider this provision during Conference Committee.

The Minnesota Ambulance Association request you would add a clause that states ambulance services licensed under MN Statute 144E are exempt from this provision. Our industry is in a dire state currently both from a workforce and financial perspective as we have shared with the legislature

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Newton", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Joe Newton

President of the MN Ambulance Association

