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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1932

Introduced by Assembly Member Hernandez

February 17, 2010

An act to add Article 5.7 (commencing with Section 14186) to Chapter 7 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1932, as amended, Hernandez. Medi-Cal: ambulance transportation services: reimbursement: service levels.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which health care services, including medical transportation services, are provided to qualified low-income persons. The Medi-Cal program is partially governed and funded under federal Medicaid provisions. Existing law and regulations prescribe various requirements governing payment policies and reimbursement rates for these services.

This bill would authorize the department to utilize certain service levels for purposes of determining ~~reimbursement rates~~ *billing codes* for emergency and nonemergency basic life and advance life support

transportation and specialty care transportation. If the department utilizes the aforementioned service levels *to determine billing codes*, this bill would require the department to, *by June 30, 2011*, adopt the definitions and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes for those service levels that have been established by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, *and to determine the above described billing codes in a revenue-neutral manner*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 5.7 (commencing with Section 14186) is
2 added to Chapter 7 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and
3 Institutions Code, to read:

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5 Article 5.7. Service Levels for Ambulance Transportation
6 Reimbursement Rates
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8 14186. (a) For purposes of determining ~~reimbursement rates~~
9 *billing codes* for emergency and nonemergency basic life and
10 advanced life support transportation and specialty care
11 transportation, the department may utilize the following service
12 levels:

- 13 (1) Advanced Life Support, Nonemergency Transport.
- 14 (2) Advanced Life Support, Emergency Transport, Level 1.
- 15 (3) Basic Life Support, Nonemergency Transport.
- 16 (4) Basic Life Support, Emergency Transport.
- 17 (5) Advanced Life Support, Level 2.
- 18 (6) Specialty Care Transport.

19 (b) If the department utilizes the ground ambulance service
20 levels listed in subdivision (a), the department shall, *by June 30,*
21 *2011*, adopt the definitions for those ground ambulance service
22 levels that have been established by the federal Centers for
23 Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in Section 30.1.1 of
24 Chapter 10 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual and the
25 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes
26 established by CMS in Section 30 of Chapter 15 of the Medicare
27 Claims Processing Manual for ground ambulance services delivered
28 to Medicare beneficiaries.

1 (c) *If the department utilizes the ground ambulance service*
2 *levels listed in subdivision (a) for purposes of determining billing*
3 *codes, the department shall determine the billing codes in a*
4 *revenue-neutral manner.*

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