

House Bill 622

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 20A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 managed health care plans, so as to include providers of emergency prehospital health care
3 and emergency medical transportation within the definition of emergency health care
4 provider; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 20A of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to managed
8 health care plans, is amended by striking subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of Code Section
9 33-20A-9, relating to emergency services requirements, in its entirety and inserting in lieu
10 thereof a new subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

11 "(1)(A) In the event that a patient seeks emergency services and if necessary in the
12 opinion of the emergency health care provider responsible for the patient's emergency
13 care and treatment and warranted by his or her evaluation, such emergency provider
14 may initiate necessary intervention to stabilize the condition of the patient without
15 seeking or receiving prospective authorization by the managed care entity or managed
16 care plan. No managed care entity or private health benefit plan may subsequently deny
17 payment for an evaluation, diagnostic testing, or treatment provided as part of such
18 intervention for an emergency condition. For purposes of this Code section, the term
19 'emergency health care provider' includes without limitation an emergency services
20 provider and a licensed or permitted provider of emergency prehospital health care or
21 emergency medical transportation."

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
24 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.