

1 emergency or treatment services to an employee or dependent of an
2 employee covered by the plan, may not collect from the plan and the
3 covered employee or dependent of the employee, a combined amount
4 for those services which exceeds the reimbursement amount then in
5 effect for the Federal Medicare program, including any applicable
6 Geographic Practice Cost Index (GPCI).

7 (b) If any air-ambulance provider has collected a subscription
8 fee from an employee or dependent of an employee covered by the
9 plan, the air-ambulance provider shall accept that subscription fee
10 as payment in full for any air-ambulance transport and related
11 emergency or treatment services which the air-ambulance provider
12 may provide to that employee or dependent of the employee. For
13 purposes of this section, a subscription fee is a fee collected by
14 an air-ambulance provider from a person in advance of any immediate
15 need for air-ambulance services.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide the maximum amount for air-ambulance services which may be collected pursuant to the plans of the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.