

1 the plan and the covered employee or dependent of the employee, a
2 combined amount for those services which exceeds the reimbursement
3 amount then in effect for the federal Medicare program, including
4 any applicable Geographic Practice Cost Index.

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