

Provider tax for ambulance services

Sec. X. 33 V.S.A. § 1951 is amended to read:

§ 1951. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

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(15) “Ambulance agency” means an ambulance agency licensed pursuant to 18 V.S.A. chapter 17.

Sec. X. 33 V.S.A. § 1959 is added to read:

§ 1959. AMBULANCE AGENCY ASSESSMENT

(a) Beginning on October 1, 2016, the annual assessment for each ambulance agency shall be 3.3 percent of the ambulance agency’s net patient revenues for services delivered to patients in Vermont.

(b) The Department shall provide written notification of the assessment amount to each ambulance agency. The assessment amount determined shall be considered final unless the agency requests reconsideration. Requests for reconsideration shall be subject to the provisions of section 1958 of this title.

(c) Each ambulance agency shall remit its assessment to the Department according to a schedule adopted by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may permit variations in the schedule of payment as deemed necessary.

(d) Any ambulance agency that fails to make a payment to the Department on or before the specified schedule, or under any schedule of delayed payments established by the Commissioner, shall be assessed not more than \$1,000.00. The Commissioner may

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waive the late-payment assessment provided in this subsection for good cause shown by the ambulance agency.

Sec. Y. AMBULANCE PROVIDER TAX; INTENT

In establishing a provider tax on ambulance agencies, it is the intent of the General Assembly to increase Medicaid reimbursement rates to these providers while ensuring full compliance with 42 C.F.R. 433.68.