

2026 Priority Legislation for Alabama Counties

Strengthening Emergency Medical Services in Rural Alabama

SB269 by Sen. Bobby Singleton & Rep. Ed Oliver

The provision of emergency medical services (EMS) continues to be a challenge in almost every corner of Alabama. Many rural areas face extended delays in response, and even in the most populated areas, wait times are increasingly troublesome.

Senate Bill 269 would establish a minimum private insurance reimbursement rate for ground ambulance services in Alabama, providing additional revenue to help enhance EMS in every corner of the state. It would also prevent so-called "balance billing," ensuring individuals with private insurance are not held responsible for charges above the minimum rates set by this legislation.

Senate Bill 269 will make Alabama one of only a handful of states in the nation that establishes a minimum reimbursement rate for those occasions when EMS personnel provide on-site services but do not transport the patient to another location for treatment. This minimum reimbursement rate for "treat-in-place" services will be a major step forward for Alabama.

As approved by the full Senate and the House Insurance Committee, Senate Bill 269 maintains applicability to all healthcare insurers in Alabama. This is a key difference from the House version, which removed the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP) and the State Employees Insurance Board (SEIB).

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