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TO: All insurers engaged in providing health insurance in Alabama

FROM: Mark Fowler
Alabama Commissioner of Insurance

RE: Ala. Act 2026-349 [requirements on reimbursement rates by health care insurers for ground ambulance services and related matters]

DATE: October 1, 2026

EFFECTIVE: Immediate

This Bulletin alerts all entities affected about the Alabama Legislature's passage of Ala. Act No. 2026-349 on March 31, 2026, and the Governor's approval of that act on April 6, 2026 [the "Act"]. The Act becomes effective on October 1, 2026. It imposes requirements concerning reimbursement for ground ambulance service; sets reimbursement rates as payment in full; imposes reporting requirements to the Department of Public Health; requires that a report be provided; and state a repeal date. Department believes that this Act will be codified as Ala. Code §§ 27-65-1 *et seq.*, though final placement in the Code of Alabama is subject to editorial action by the Code Commissioner. The act defines "health benefit plan provider" in § 1(10). Some types of plans providing health-type benefits or insurance are excluded under that definition. The Act defines "health care insurer" in Act § 1(11).

All affected entities are strongly encouraged to review Act No. 2026-349 and conform future actions to any applicable requirements imposed by the act. The Act can be viewed at the Alabama Secretary of State's website [sos.alabama.gov-records/legislative acts].

The reimbursement rates under Act §§ 2(b) and 2(c) must be reflected in the plan contract on or before **January 1, 2027**, and any needed revisions to that end filed in SERFFSM ["System for Electronic Rates and Forms Filing"].

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