



Michigan Association of Health Plans
Testimony In Support of
Senate Bill 674

Dear Chairman Vaupel and Members of the House Health Policy Committee,

The Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP) represents our 10 Members Plans in the State of Michigan who deliver high-quality, valuable health care to over 3 million Michiganders. We offer our written testimony in support of Senate Bill 674 with amendment.

In 2018, PA 385 of 2018 was passed and was designed to curb the behavior of air ambulance providers from utilizing Surprise Medical Billing practices. Until recently, these bills had stopped the appearance of Air Ambulance Surprise Bills. In 2020 alone, 6 cases of Air Ambulances have reached the Department of Insurance and Financial Services when there had been 0 in 2019. Clearly, the new law, which took effect in 2019, has not deterred Air Ambulance providers from sending enrollees Surprise Medical Bills.

In order to strengthen these protections to enrollees Senate Bill 674 offers an opportunity to protect Michiganders from Surprise Medical Bills and allow Air Ambulance Providers to opt-out of Certificate of Need analysis.

Adding an amendment to Page 4, Line 8 of Senate Bill 674 accomplishes this goal:

“Through September, 30, 2020 air ambulance services only if the air ambulance provider agrees to comply with any and all requirements under or similar to MCL 333.20921”

MAHP stands strong with Michiganders to ensure they do not receive Surprise Medical Bills from any type of providers. This amendment also codifies the protections which this Legislature enacted in 2018 which deterred this practice. Further ensuring these protections through licensing and voluntary compliance ensures the highest levels of financial protections.

MAHP encourages this Committee to adopt this amendment to continue to protect Michiganders from Surprise Medical Bills.