

# Protect Emergency Medical Services Support H. 863

## Save Health Care Dollars

Increased emergency response time harms patients and increases health care costs when patients don't receive the emergency care they need in a timely manner. When patients get stabilized and get to us quickly lives are saved and more costly health care interventions are averted.

But insurers are trying to slash reimbursements for emergency 911 calls. When this happens patients suffer with **longer response times** and **cuts in service**.

**H. 863 prevents big insurers from unilaterally slashing reimbursements for emergency medical services and gives local communities authority to control rates for services.**

Massachusetts has a modern EMS system. We invest in technology, state-of-the-art equipment and qualified 911 personnel. There are more than 720,000 emergency/911 ambulance transports every year in Massachusetts. The gold standard for response time is 8 minutes or less in 90% of incidents. When insurers slash reimbursements fewer ambulances are on the road, response times increase, and our citizens suffer.

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