

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1255**

Introduced by

Representatives Porter, Hofstad

Senators Dever, Larsen

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 26.1-36 and section 65-02-21.2  
2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to classifications of ambulance services for health  
3 insurance and workers' compensation benefits; and to amend and reenact section 50-24.1-16 of  
4 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to classification of ambulance services for medical  
5 assistance.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 26.1-36 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
8 and enacted as follows:

9 **Ambulance services classifications.**

10 For purposes of classifying ambulance services for an accident and health insurance policy,  
11 the classifications established under section 50-24.1-16 apply.

12 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 50-24.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **50-24.1-16. Reimbursement of ambulance services.**

15 1. Medical assistance coverage must include reimbursement of ambulance services for  
16 responding to calls to assist covered individuals which do not result in transport. The  
17 reimbursement must be at a rate negotiated by the department and the ambulance  
18 service.

19 2. For purposes of classifying ambulance services under this section:

20 a. An emergency response is one that at the time the ambulance is called the  
21 ambulance responds immediately. An immediate response is one in which the  
22 ambulance begins as quickly as possible to take the steps necessary to respond  
23 to the call.

1           b. An advanced life support assessment is an assessment performed by an  
2           advanced life support crew as part of an emergency response that was  
3           necessary because the patient's reported condition at the time of the dispatch  
4           was such that only an advanced life support crew was qualified to perform the  
5           assessment. An advanced life support assessment does not necessarily result in  
6           a determination that the patient requires an advanced life support level of service.

7           **SECTION 3.** Section 65-02-21.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted  
8 as follows:

9           **Ambulance services classifications.**

10          For purposes of classifying ambulance services for benefits provided under this title, the  
11 classifications established under section 50-24.1-16 apply.