

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
HOUSE BILL 2023 – H 6119 AND SENATE BILL 2023 - S 0516  
A N A C T RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES – MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**WHEREAS** Medicaid reimbursements in Rhode Island to certain health care providers are limited to a flat rate payment; and

**WHEREAS** House Bill 2023 H 6119 and Senate Bill 2023 S 0516 would eliminate the flat rate payment and replace it with a payment equal to 90 percent of the Medicare standard rate for ambulance and wheelchair van service; and

**WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of the public and health care providers to reimburse and compensate health care providers for their services adequately and fairly; and

**WHEREAS** the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown is committed to fair and appropriate use of Medicaid funds while ensuring an adequate choice of health care services and professionals remain in the Town and the State by making Medicaid reimbursement rates competitive with neighboring states; and

**WHEREAS** House Bill 2023 H 6119 and Senate Bill 2023 S 0516 provides, in relevant part, a fixed 90 percent reimbursement rate of the Medicare standard rate for ambulance and wheelchair van service to health care providers; and

**WHEREAS** the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown finds that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the people and visitors to Rhode Island and the Town of Charlestown to enact a fair and reasonable reimbursement rate to health care service providers that is both adequate and competitive with neighboring states.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown hereby requests that the General Assembly act favorably and pass House Bill 2023 H 6119 and Senate Bill 2023 S 0516; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the Town of Charlestown's representatives in the R.I. General Assembly and all 38 cities and towns.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

By resolution of the Charlestown Town Council at a meeting held on March 27, 2023.

  
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Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk

