

# American Ambulance Association

## *Legislative Update Summary*

### 114<sup>th</sup> Congress – First Session

Bill Title	Bill Number(s) Bill Sponsor(s)	Status	Summary	AAA Position
<i>M e d i c a r e   L e g i s l a t i o n</i>				
Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention, and Reform Act of 2015	<a href="#">H.R. 745</a> Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR)	<a href="#">H.R. 745</a> was introduced on 2/4/2015 and was referred the House Ways and Means Committee.	Makes temporary ambulance Medicare relief permanent, changes ambulance services from suppliers to providers, implements cost data reporting program through survey and includes prior authorization program.	Actively Support
Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention and Reform Act of 2015	<a href="#">S. 377</a> Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY)	<a href="#">S. 377</a> was introduced on 2/4/2015 and was referred to the Senate Finance Committee	Makes temporary ambulance Medicare relief permanent, changes ambulance services from suppliers to providers, implements cost data reporting program through survey and includes prior authorization program.	Actively Support
Fairness in Ambulance Reimbursement Act of 2015	<a href="#">H.R. 817</a> Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA)	<a href="#">H.R. 817</a> was introduced before the House on 2/9/2015. Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	Delays implementation of the reclassification of rural to urban zip codes under the fee schedule for ambulance services through December 31, 2015.	Actively Support
Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015	<a href="#">H.R. 2</a> Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX)	<a href="#">H.R. 2</a> became public law on April 16, 2015.	Extends Medicare ambulance relief by 33 months until December 31, 2017. Also begins implementation of a prior authorization program.	Actively Supported Ambulance Provisions
Air Medical Medicare Bill	<a href="#">H.R. 822</a> Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX)  <a href="#">S. 1149</a> Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)	<a href="#">H.R. 822</a> was introduced on 2/10/2015 and was referred to the Subcommittee on Health and Ways and Means Committee.  <a href="#">S. 1149</a> was introduced on 4/30/2015 and was referred to the Committee on Finance	Increase the base rate for air ambulance service by 20% in 2016 and by 5% during 2017-2019. Also directs Secretary of HHS to select quality measures and requires GAO to report to Congress.	Monitor

<i>M e d i c   B e n e f i t s   L e g i s l a t i o n</i>				
Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2015	<a href="#">H.R. 723</a> Rep. Peter King (R-NY)	<a href="#">H.R. 723</a> was introduced in the House on 2/4/2015 and referred to the House Committee on House Administration	Families of fallen rescue squad or ambulance crew are offered a Capitol-flown flag with certificate.	Monitor
Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2015	<a href="#">H.R. 1171</a> Rep. Peter King (R-NY)	<a href="#">H.R. 1171</a> was introduced before the House on 2/27/2015 and was referred to the Subcommittee on Health	Allows sponsors of deferred compensation plans to elect to include length of service awards for bona fide volunteers.	Monitor
Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2015	<a href="#">S. 616</a> Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)	<a href="#">S. 616</a> was introduced on 2/27/2015 and referred to the Committee on Finance.	Allows sponsors of deferred compensation plans to elect to include length of service awards for bona fide volunteers.	Monitor

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Field EMS Bill	<a href="#">H.R. 2366</a> Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN-8)	<a href="#">H.R. 2366</a> was introduced on 5/15/2015 and was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.	Creates EMS grant program open to all providers which meet criteria, strengthens HHS as federal agency with primary jurisdiction over EMS, creates pilot programs for alternative delivery models and establishes voluntary program on performance measures.	Monitor
First Responder Medical Device Tax Relief Act	<a href="#">H.R. 518</a> Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH-10)	<a href="#">H.R. 518</a> was introduced on 1/22/2015 and was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	Amends the Internal Revenue Code to exempt a qualified emergency medical device from the excise tax on medical devices.	Monitor
Volunteer Emergency Responders Tax Deduction Act	<a href="#">H.R. 343</a> Rep. David McKinley (R-WV-1)	<a href="#">H.R. 343</a> was introduced on 1/14/2015 and was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	Amends the Internal Revenue Code to treat bona fide volunteers as a charitable contribution for purposes of the tax deduction for charitable contributions.	Monitor
Telehealth Enhancement Act of 2015	<a href="#">H.R. 2066</a> Rep. Gregg Harper (R-MS-3)	<a href="#">H.R. 2066</a> was introduced on 4/28/2015 and was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	Would consider ambulance providers and other emergency medical transport providers as health care providers for purposes of universal service support.	Monitor
Opioid Overdose Reduction Act of 2015	<a href="#">S. 707</a> Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA) Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)	<a href="#">S. 707</a> was introduced on 3/11/2015 and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.	Provides certain protections from civil liability with respect to the emergency administration of opioid overdose drugs.	Support
Opioid Overdose Reduction Act of 2015	<a href="#">H.R. 1821</a> Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA-1)	<a href="#">H.R. 1821</a> was introduced on 4/15/2015 and was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	Provides certain protections from civil liability with respect to the emergency administration of opioid overdose drugs.	Support

**Key -- AAA Position on Legislation**

<b>Actively Support</b>	Priority issue. Letter of support to author of bill. Letters and lobbying by AAA members in support.
<b>Support</b>	Letter of support to author of bill. Add AAA name to list of groups in support.
<b>Support if Amended</b>	AAA will support if AAA amendments are added to the bill.
<b>Monitor</b>	No position. Monitor bill through legislative process.
<b>Oppose</b>	Letter of opposition to author of bill.
<b>Oppose Unless Amended</b>	AAA is opposed unless AAA amendments are added to the bill.
<b>Actively Oppose</b>	Priority issue. Letter of opposition to author of bill. Letters and lobbying by AAA members in opposition.

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