September 4, 2019

market deems appropriate. If an air ambulance company chooses not to negotiate with health insurers or is unable to reach agreement, this legislation ensures the market average rate of payment is provided for their services, meaning this legislation allows those rates to move over time and adjusts as the marketplace changes.

Should a state find that it has an inadequate number of providers under this market-based solution, an outcome we find very unlikely, state insurance regulators would be happy to work with federal officials to make geographic adjustments to the required payment rates. We are pleased that section 105 expressly provides for NAIC consultation in establishing geographic regions. We would support further amendment to allow individual insurance commissioners to request an adjustment to their state's geographic regions or payment methodology. Allowing for such adjustments would enable states and the federal government to work together to assure that rural areas continue to receive the air ambulance services they need.

Our states have a mix of air ambulance providers; some are independent, stand-alone operators and some are hospital-affiliated providers. Most of these providers are good actors and provide necessary service to our consumers. as[3 (a)-4. [0]



Allen W. Kerr Commissioner Arkansas Insurance Department Andrew N. Mais Commissioner Connecticut Insurance Department

June Chiman - - -

Trinidad Navarro Commissioner

David Altmaier Commissioner

Dan L. Comero

Anita G. Fox Director Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services

Steve Kelley

Steve Kelley Commissioner Minnesota Department of Commerce

Mike Chaney Commissioner Mississippi Insurance Department

1 ALLE Proventier

Chlora Lindley-Myers Director Missouri Department of Commerce & Insurance

MD

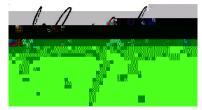
Matthew Rosendale Commissioner Montana Office of the Commissioner of Securities & Insurance, Montana State Auditor

Barbara D. Richardson Commissioner Nevada Department of Business & Industry Division of Insurance

John Elias Commissioner New Hampshire Insurance Department

Mike Causey Commissioner North Carolina Department of Insurance

John G. Franchini Superintendent New Mexico Office of the Superintendent of Insurance



Glen Mulready Commissioner Oklahoma Insurance Department

Jessica K. Altman Commissioner Pennsylvania Insurance Department Javier Rivera Rios Commissioner Puerto Rico Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

Raymond J. France

Raymond G. Farmer Director

Larry Deiter Director