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The Honorable Susan R. Donovan
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services
Rhode Island House of Representatives, 82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chair Donovan and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for **House Bill H-7485**, which would allow ambulance services to receive reimbursement for emergency medical care when a patient is treated but not transported to a hospital.

As a Town Councilor in the Town of South Kingstown, I have a deep appreciation for the work our emergency medical services professionals perform every day to protect the health and safety of our residents. EMS providers frequently respond to calls where immediate care is needed, but where transportation to the hospital may not ultimately be required.

Under the current reimbursement system, EMS providers are often only compensated when a patient is transported. This creates a challenge for local emergency medical systems that still incur the full cost of responding to a call, providing medical treatment, and deploying trained personnel and equipment even when a transport does not occur.

Allowing reimbursement for treatment provided in the field recognizes the important role EMS plays in today's healthcare system. It supports patient-centered care while helping ensure that ambulance services remain sustainable for the communities that depend on them.

I would also like to recognize the leadership of **South Kingstown EMS Chief Craig Stanley and Captain Frank Capaldi**, who have been actively engaged in advancing this issue and will be sharing their professional expertise with the committee.

Our EMS professionals serve residents at all hours and under challenging circumstances. Ensuring that their services are appropriately supported is an important step toward strengthening emergency medical care across Rhode Island.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this legislation.

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