

Dear all:

I wanted to give you an update as we enter the 40th and final day of the 2017 General Assembly, which is Thursday. I want to begin by saying thank you for all of your calls on SB 8. Your work has put us in the position we now find ourselves.

SB 8 Substitute is now back in the Rules Committee. There are a number of scenarios that can happen tomorrow. Depending on which scenario arises will dictate our alert, if any alert is warranted.

1. The House of Representatives may put the SB 8 Substitute on the floor of the House of Representatives in its current form with the payment methodology. If so, you would see an alert asking for your continued OPPOSITION.
2. The House of Representatives may amend the SB 8 Substitute removing the payment methodology. The SB 8 Substitute would then only be a transparency bill which is something MAG could support if the Senate agrees to only the transparency piece.
3. The House of Representatives may amend the SB 8 Substitute removing the payment methodology. The Senate may then disagree and insist on their position. If this happens, the chambers would appoint a conference committee. This is where it can get tricky. The conference committee can then make any recommendations on the bill, which can include a payment methodology that is unworkable and can apply to emergency and no-emergency services. If you see an alert due to a conference committee, we need to act ASAP and follow the instructions regarding calls and emails. If this is the approach, we will have little time for reaction as the vote can happen at any point.
4. The House of Representatives may not call the bill out of Rules and the bill is "dead" until next year.

Please be alert and ready for an email from me. Tomorrow is the last day but anything can happen on the 40th day, which will last until midnight.

Thank you for all of your support and be on the lookout for an email from me tomorrow.

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