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To enact sections 3902.65, 4765.362, and 5164.11 of  
the Revised Code to establish community  
paramedicine programs and to require insurance  
coverage for services provided under those  
programs.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3902.65, 4765.362, and 5164.11 of  
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

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**Sec. 3902.65.** As used in this section, "emergency medical  
technician-basic," "emergency medical technician-intermediate,"  
and "emergency medical technician-paramedic" have the same  
meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

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Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised Code, a  
health benefit plan issued, delivered, or renewed in this state  
on or after the effective date of this section that directly or  
indirectly covers health care services performed by an emergency  
medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-  
intermediate, or emergency medical technician-paramedic shall  
cover, to the same extent, health care services performed by an  
emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical  
technician-intermediate, or emergency medical technician-

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paramedic under a community paramedicine program in accordance 21  
with section 4765.362 of the Revised Code. 22

**Sec. 4765.362.** (A) An emergency medical service 23  
organization may establish a community paramedicine program in 24  
accordance with the requirements of this section, to permit an 25  
emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical 26  
technician-intermediate, or emergency medical technician- 27  
paramedic to provide nonemergency medical services to members of 28  
the community. 29

(B) A community paramedicine program established under 30  
this section shall operate under the direction of the emergency 31  
medical service organization's medical director or cooperating 32  
physician advisory board. Both of the following apply regarding 33  
a community paramedicine program: 34

(1) The medical director or cooperating physician advisory 35  
board shall establish all of the following: 36

(a) Nonemergency medical services that may be provided by 37  
an EMT-basic, EMT-intermediate, or paramedic under the community 38  
paramedicine program, which may include: 39

(i) Chronic disease management and prevention; 40

(ii) Health evaluation and assessment; 41

(iii) Home safety inspection and fall prevention; 42

(iv) Health education; 43

(v) Medication compliance; 44

(vi) Referral to other community services; 45

(vii) Enhanced access to other health care services; 46

(viii) Management of patients following surgery; 47

<u>(ix) Care coordination.</u>	48
<u>(b) A protocol to be followed when an EMT-basic, EMT-</u>	49
<u>intermediate, or paramedic provides nonemergency medical</u>	50
<u>services under the community paramedicine program;</u>	51
<u>(c) Any training requirements that must be satisfied to</u>	52
<u>provide nonemergency medical services under the community</u>	53
<u>paramedicine program;</u>	54
<u>(d) Any continuing education requirements that must be</u>	55
<u>satisfied to continue providing nonemergency medical services</u>	56
<u>under the community paramedicine program.</u>	57
<u>(2) The medical director or cooperating physician advisory</u>	58
<u>board may establish either of the following:</u>	59
<u>(a) Partnerships with licensed health care professionals,</u>	60
<u>health care facilities, and other nonprofit and for-profit</u>	61
<u>health care entities;</u>	62
<u>(b) Plans for identifying social determinants of health</u>	63
<u>and providing collaborative health services to at-risk residents</u>	64
<u>living in the community served by the community paramedicine</u>	65
<u>program.</u>	66
<u>(C) Nonemergency medical services provided through a</u>	67
<u>community paramedicine program in accordance with this section</u>	68
<u>may be provided through telehealth.</u>	69
<u>Sec. 5164.11. (A) As used in this section, "emergency</u>	70
<u>medical service organization," "emergency medical technician-</u>	71
<u>basic," "emergency medical technician-intermediate," and</u>	72
<u>"emergency medical technician-paramedic" have the same meanings</u>	73
<u>as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.</u>	74
<u>(B) The medicaid program shall cover services provided</u>	75

under a community paramedicine program established under section 76  
4765.362 of the Revised Code if all of the following conditions 77  
are satisfied: 78

(1) The emergency medical service organization operating 79  
the community paramedicine program holds a valid medicaid 80  
provider agreement; 81

(2) The community paramedicine program provides services 82  
to medicaid recipients; 83

(3) The services provided by an emergency medical 84  
technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or 85  
emergency medical technician-paramedic under the community 86  
paramedicine program are provided in accordance with section 87  
4765.362 of the Revised Code. 88