

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 221

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

HEALTH SERVICES. Provides relative to ambulance providers. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1132, relative to ambulance providers; to provide for definitions; to
3 provide for Medicaid coverage of certain services; to provide for reimbursement
4 rates; to provide for rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1132 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§1132. Ambulance provider treatment-in-place services; medical assistance**
8 **program**

9 **A. As used in this Section, the following definitions apply unless**
10 **otherwise indicated:**

11 **(1) "911 call" means a communication made on behalf of a beneficiary**
12 **indicating that the beneficiary may need emergency medical services.**

13 **(2) "Ambulance provider" means an ambulance provider as defined in**
14 **R.S. 40:1131. For purposes of this Section, "ambulance provider" does not**
15 **include an air ambulance provider.**

16 **(3) "Beneficiary" means a person who is entitled to receive covered**
17 **healthcare services under the terms of the medical assistance program.**

1 **(4) "Medical assistance program" means the medical assistance program**
2 **provided for in Title XIX of the Social Security Act as administered by the**
3 **Louisiana Department of Health.**

4 **(5) "Qualified medical practitioner" means a licensed physician, nurse**
5 **practitioner, or physician's assistant.**

6 **(6) "Treatment-in-place service" means an encounter between an**
7 **ambulance provider and beneficiary which takes place in response to a 911 call**
8 **where an assessment or treatment is provided by the ambulance provider to the**
9 **beneficiary but transport of the beneficiary is not performed.**

10 **B. Treatment-in-place services, as provided for by this Section, shall be**
11 **a covered service under the medical assistance program.**

12 **C. Initiation and facilitation of treatment-in-place services are**
13 **performed by ambulance providers on site to beneficiaries, with no transport,**
14 **and may include the use of audio and video telecommunication systems that**
15 **permit real-time communication between the ambulance provider and a**
16 **qualified medical practitioner. However, audio and video telecommunications**
17 **between the ambulance provider and a qualified medical practitioner shall not**
18 **be required in order for the ambulance provider to be reimbursed for**
19 **treatment-in-place services by the medical assistance program.**

20 **D. Treatment-in-place services shall only be provided in accordance with**
21 **the ambulance provider's medical direction and established protocols. Any**
22 **medical assessment or services rendered by EMS practitioners shall be**
23 **consistent with the practitioner's scope of practice.**

24 **E. All treatment-in-place services provided by ambulance providers**
25 **during the initiation and facilitation of the treatment-in-place encounter are**
26 **covered by the associated basic life support, emergency base rate, or the**
27 **advanced life support, Level 1 emergency base rate provided for in the**
28 **Medicaid fee schedule, depending on level of response and services rendered.**

29 **F. The Louisiana Department of Health shall promulgate rules and**

1 **regulations as necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Section.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

SB 221 Engrossed

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Proposed law requires Medicaid to cover treatment-in-place services provided by ambulance providers.

Proposed law defines a "treatment-in-place service" as an encounter between an ambulance provider and beneficiary which takes place in response to a 911 call where an assessment or treatment is provided by the ambulance provider to the beneficiary but transport of the beneficiary is not performed.

Proposed law requires treatment-in-place services to be covered by the associated basic life support, emergency base rate, or the advanced life support, Level 1 emergency base rate provided for in the Medicaid fee schedule, depending on level of response and services rendered.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 40:1132)