

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 1028

2026 Regular Session

Lyons

May 31, 2026

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 1028 by Representative Lyons, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare (#4178) be adopted.
- 2. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 40:1257.2(C)," to "R.S. 40:1257.2(C) through (E),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, change "R.S. 40:1257.2(C) is" to "R.S. 40:1257.2(C) through (E) are"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Rodney Lyons

Senator Gary M. Carter Jr.

Representative Dustin Miller

Senator Jimmy Harris

Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur

Senator Patrick McMath

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

MEDICAID: Requires the Louisiana Department of Health to increase the reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation providers

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Clarify that wheelchair-accessible nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) services receive an increased reimbursement rate as provided for in proposed law.
2. Require the La. Dept. of Health to promulgate rules to establish a NEMT rate methodology for trips involving multiple passengers.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Make technical changes.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to establish a Medicaid reimbursement rate for nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) services, including wheelchair-accessible NEMT, that reimburses, at a minimum, \$14.50 per trip and \$2.10 per mile.

Proposed law requires LDH to establish a NEMT rate methodology for multiple passenger trips based on the number of passengers being transported.

Proposed law prohibits LDH from allowing an individual to be transported via NEMT to a Medicaid covered service outside of the individual's parish of residence or contiguous parishes unless the Medicaid managed care organization or LDH determines it to be medical necessary.

Proposed law requires LDH, no later than 90 days from the effective date of proposed law, to take all necessary actions to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Effective upon appropriation of funds by the legislature.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:1257.2(C), (D)-(E))