
 DIGEST

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SB 414 Reengrossed

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Present law governs emergency medical services provided by ambulance transport, but does not specify whether an emergency medical services provider is authorized to transport an individual to a location other than a hospital emergency department.

Proposed law clarifies that protocols may be established to allow for transportation to an alternative destination if the person's condition does not meet the definition of an emergency medical condition pursuant to present law, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) No person shall be transported to an alternative destination unless he consents to being transported to that destination.
- (2) No ambulance service or emergency medical services practitioner shall transport a person to an alternative destination in which the service or practitioner has a financial interest.

Proposed law requires the La. Department of Health to establish through administrative rulemaking a reasonable and adequate Medicaid reimbursement methodology for ground ambulance transfers.

(Amends R.S. 40:1131(4)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 33:4791.1(A)(6) and (B)(7) and R.S. 40:1131.3 and 1133:14(A)(1)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Changes terminology from behavioral health clinic to acute psychiatric facility.
2. Clarifies that alternative transport is permissible when the individual's condition does not meet the definition of emergency medical condition in present law.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Removes the language that the alternate or alternative destination may include an urgent care clinic, independent freestanding emergency center, or acute psychiatric facility.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill:

1. Stipulate that no person shall be transported to an alternative destination as authorized in proposed law unless he consents to being transported to that destination.

2. Stipulate that no ambulance service or emergency medical services practitioner shall transport a person to an alternative destination in which the service or practitioner has a financial interest.