
DIGEST

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Abstract: Defines "nonemergency medical transportation" and provides for standards and limitations relating to such transportation provided to Medicaid program enrollees.

Proposed law provides that, for purposes of proposed law, "nonemergency medical transportation" and "NEMT" mean transportation for a Medicaid enrollee which facilitates the enrollee going to or from a medical facility or provider including but not limited to a doctor's office, hospital, medical clinic, dental office, urgent care, dialysis, physical therapy, mental health facility, vision center, and a hearing and speech facility.

Proposed law requires that the La. Medicaid program include NEMT services. Establishes that the purpose of NEMT services shall be to provide nonemergency medical transportation to a Medicaid beneficiary after all other reasonable means of free transportation for that person have been explored and found to be unavailable.

Proposed law requires the La. Department of Health (LDH) to ensure that nonemergency medical transportation to and from medically necessary Medicaid-covered services is provided to Medicaid beneficiaries who are eligible for such transportation. Further requires LDH to ensure that NEMT services are available to a Medicaid beneficiary when all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The beneficiary is enrolled in a Medicaid benefit program that explicitly includes transportation services.
- (2) The beneficiary or his representative has stated that he has no other means of transportation.

Proposed law prohibits healthcare providers within the La. Medicaid program from contracting with or hiring a transportation company to provide NEMT services if that company does not meet local, city, and state requirements to provide nonemergency medical transportation as defined in proposed law and in LDH administrative rules.

(Adds R.S. 40:1257.1-1257.4)