

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 1028

2026 Regular Session

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

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DIGEST

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

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

Proposed law prohibits the department 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 department determines it to be medical necessary.

Further requires the La. Dept. of Health, 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.

(Adds R.S. 40:1257.2(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Change deadline by which the La. Dept. of Health must take certain actions from Oct. 1, 2026 to 90 days after the effective date of proposed law.
2. Make effectiveness of proposed law subject to appropriation of monies by the legislature for the implementation of proposed law.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Includes wheelchair-accessible NEMT in the minimum reimbursement rate.
2. Requires the La. Dept. of Health to establish a NEMT rate methodology for multiple passenger trips.
3. Prohibits the La. Dept. of Health from allowing individuals to be transported outside of individual's parish of residence or contiguous parishes unless there is a determination of medical necessity.