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DIGEST

SB 414 Engrossed

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Present law provides for laws governing emergency medical services provided by ambulance transport but is silent on whether an emergency medical services provider can determine to transport an individual to a location other than a hospital emergency department.

Proposed law clarifies that protocols may be established to allow for alternative destination transportation if the individual's condition does not meet the definition of emergency medical condition pursuant to present law. Provides that the alternative destination may be an urgent care clinic, independent freestanding emergency center, or acute psychiatric facility.

Proposed law provides for rulemaking by the Department of Health to establish a reasonable and adequate reimbursement methodology for ground ambulance transfers to alternative destination locations.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(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.