

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law governed 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.

New law allows for protocols to be established allowing the transportation to an alternative destination if an individual's condition does not meet the definition of an emergency medical condition pursuant to prior law, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) No person shall be transported to an alternative destination unless he and the alternative destination consent to being transported to that destination.
- (2) No ambulance service shall transport a person to an alternative destination in which the ambulance service has a financial interest.

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

New law provides that a licensed emergency medical services practitioner cannot transport a person to an alternative destination unless the person consents to being transported to the destination. Further the practitioner or his employer cannot have a financial interest in the alternative destination.

Effective August 1, 2018.

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