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Abstract: Authorizes the La. Department of Health to assess Medicaid provider fees on nonemergency ground ambulance transportation services furnished by certain providers.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the La. Department of Health (LDH) to impose fees for the provision of Medicaid-funded healthcare services commonly known as "provider fees" on emergency ground ambulance service providers. Provides for the amount and disposition of such fees.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes LDH to collect a provider fee from every emergency ground ambulance service provider on each emergency ground ambulance transport contingent upon certain conditions being satisfied.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds nonemergency ground ambulance transport as a service for which emergency ground ambulance service providers may be assessed provider fees.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds references to nonemergency ground ambulance transportation services to the following provisions of <u>present law</u> which refer to emergency ground ambulance transportation services:

- (1) Provisions relative to provider fees.
- (2) Provisions relative to provider reimbursement enhancements.
- (3) Provisions relative to uses of funds from the Emergency Ground Ambulance Service Provider Trust Fund Account within the La. Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

(Amends R.S. 46:2626(F)(1)(intro. para.), (G)(1) and (5), (H)(1)(d), and (I)(7))