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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for regulations and requirements concerning nonemergency medical transportation services delivered through the Medicaid managed care program and for reports on the funding of such services.

Present law requires the La. Department of Health (LDH) to submit an annual report concerning the Medicaid managed care program, known commonly as the "managed care transparency report", to the legislative committees on health and welfare. Establishes requirements for the content of the report.

Proposed law retains present law and adds thereto a requirement that the annual managed care transparency report include the following:

- (1) The total amount of payments by each managed care organization (MCO) to nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) providers, itemized by provider.
- (2) The total amount of payments by each MCO to transportation brokers and third-party administrators in the NEMT program, itemized by payee.

Proposed law provides that LDH shall require by contract with each MCO that if the MCO hires or subcontracts with any transportation broker or third-party administrator for the administration of any aspect of its NEMT program, then that broker or administrator shall have its call center located in Louisiana.

Proposed law provides that each MCO that hires or subcontracts with any transportation broker or third-party administrator for the administration of any aspect of its NEMT program shall require that the broker or administrator have minority business partnerships with its call center.

Proposed law provides that LDH shall require by contract with each MCO that the MCO, and any transportation broker or third-party administrator with which the MCO subcontracts for the administration of any aspect of its NEMT program, report to the department the reimbursement rates and total payments made to individual providers of NEMT services.

Proposed law stipulates that in order to ensure fair competition among providers on a regional basis, LDH shall limit NEMT services rendered by an individual provider to a specific geographic region of the state. Requires LDH, through its contracts with MCOs, to provide for penalties to be assessed to transportation brokers and third-party administrators that send, or attempt to send, a NEMT

provider to render services outside of its designated region.

(Adds R.S. 40:1253.2(A)(1)(m) and R.S. 46:460.101 and 460.102)