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## DIGEST

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HB 1012 Engrossed

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Lyons

**Abstract:** Defines "non-emergency medical transportation" and provides for standards and limitations relating to such transportation provided to Medicaid program enrollees.

Proposed law provides that, for purposes of proposed law, "non-emergency medical transportation" and "NEMT" mean transportation provided to a Medicaid beneficiary to or from a medically necessary Medicaid-covered service. Stipulates that the term shall not include any non-emergency or other type of transportation by ambulance.

Proposed law requires that the La. Medicaid program include NEMT services. Establishes that the purpose of NEMT services shall be to provide non-emergency medical transportation to a Medicaid beneficiary after all other reasonable means of free transportation for that person have been explored and found to be unavailable. Requires the Medicaid beneficiary or his representative to confirm that the beneficiary has no other means of transportation.

Proposed law prohibits NEMT services from being utilized for transportation to or from a pharmacy, a nursing facility, hospice care, or a Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (known commonly as "WIC") appointment at an office of public health location.

Proposed law prohibits healthcare providers within the La. Medicaid program from contracting with or hiring a transportation company to provide NEMT services if that company does not meet local, city, and state requirements to provide non-emergency medical transportation as defined in proposed law and in LDH administrative rules.

(Adds R.S. 40:1257.1-1257.4)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Revise the definition of "non-emergency medical transportation" and "NEMT" provided in proposed law to establish that these terms mean transportation provided to a Medicaid beneficiary to or from a medically necessary Medicaid-covered service. Provide that the term shall not include any non-emergency or other type of transportation by ambulance.
2. Delete proposed law relative to requirements and qualifications for NEMT services; add

in lieu thereof a prohibition on NEMT services being utilized for transportation to or from a pharmacy, a nursing facility, hospice care, or a WIC program appointment at an office of public health location.

3. Make technical changes.