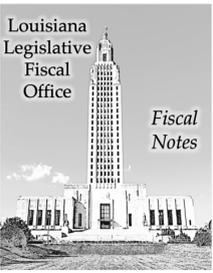


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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 80** HLS 24RS 242

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Authorizes transportation network companies to provide nonemergency medical transportation services through the state Medicaid program

Proposed law authorizes transportation network companies to provide non emergency medical transportation (NEMT) services through the Louisiana Medicaid program. Proposed law requires LDH to promulgate rules setting requirements for companies and drivers to act as Medicaid transportation providers, including requirements for enrollment and specifications for the vehicle used, and that such requirements be consistent with the requirements established in Chapter 10 of the Medicaid Services Manual, including insurance, driver, training, vehicle, and general requirements. Proposed law requires drivers providing NEMT to Medicaid enrollees must complete a criminal background check. Proposed law provides that LDH may require such transportation network companies to be under contract with a transportation broker that is under contract with a managed care organization or the department. Proposed law provides that no ambulance, emergency medical response vehicle, or EMS practitioner shall be used for the purpose of providing non emergency medical transportation.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>SEE BELOW</b>					
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	<b>SEE BELOW</b>					
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

This measure authorizes transportation network companies to be reimbursed by Medicaid for providing non emergency medical transportation services (NEMT) to Medicaid enrollees. Additional costs to the Medicaid program are indeterminable, and will depend on trip pricing/reimbursement rates paid to the new providers and potential for transportation trip utilization increases. LDH does not anticipate an increase in overall program cost based on minimal projected increases in utilization under this measure, and maintaining their current reimbursement rates paid to existing NEMT providers. Although the number of providers that no shows and broker cancellations will likely be reduced, LDH indicates canceled trips represent only 2% (approximately 14,000 annually) of total trips, and projects a minimum increase in trips, resulting in no impact to Medicaid premium payments in the future.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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