

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 1028****2026 Regular Session****Lyons**

MEDICAID: Requires the Louisiana Department of Health to increase the reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation providers

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Clarifies that wheelchair-accessible nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) services receive the increased rate as provided for in proposed law.
2. Requires the La. Dept. of Health to promulgate rules to establish a NEMT rate methodology for trips involving multiple passengers.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to establish a Medicaid reimbursement rate for nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) services, including wheelchair-accessible NEMT, that reimburses, at a minimum, \$14.50 per trip and \$2.10 per mile.

Proposed law requires LDH to establish a NEMT rate methodology for multiple passenger trips based on the number of passengers being transported.

Proposed law prohibits LDH from allowing an individual to be transported via NEMT to a Medicaid covered service outside of the individual's parish of residence or contiguous parishes unless the Medicaid managed care organization or LDH determines it to be medical necessary.

Proposed law requires LDH, no later than 90 days from the effective date of proposed law, to take all necessary actions to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Effective upon appropriation of funds by the legislature.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:1257.2(C), (D), and (E))