

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 256

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to implement certain reforms in the nonemergency, non-ambulance medical transportation component of the Medicaid managed care program of this state.

WHEREAS, nonemergency, non-ambulance medical transportation (NEMT) is a vital part of the Medicaid program of this state; and

WHEREAS, through NEMT, Medicaid enrollees access primary care providers, pharmacy services, and other forms of health services that help them to maintain and improve their health; and

WHEREAS, NEMT services have contributed greatly to the overall health of Medicaid enrollees as they have allowed such persons access to primary care providers, pharmacy services, and other forms of healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is concern for Medicaid enrollees with specialized medical needs who live outside of the nonemergency medical transportation service regions; and

WHEREAS, such persons are unable to access the treatments they need; and

WHEREAS, for enrollees, NEMT provider services are not readily available through a provider in every enrollee's region; and

WHEREAS, by allowing Medicaid enrollees with specialized medical needs access to NEMT services, even when they are out of region, the Louisiana Department of Health can address this concern; and

WHEREAS, reforms in the way that NEMT services are delivered through the Medicaid managed care program of this state are necessary in order to better serve Medicaid enrollees and to improve the program overall.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to maximize access to care for Medicaid enrollees, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health, through its contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations, to authorize nonemergency, non-ambulance medical transportation providers to provide services to Medicaid enrollees throughout the state regardless of where an enrollee lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit a report that includes a vetted, updated list of active nonemergency, non-ambulance medical transportation providers in this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall disregard the directive prohibiting an out-of-region nonemergency, non-ambulance medical transportation provider from providing services to a Medicaid enrollee if there is a willing and available nonemergency, non-ambulance medical transportation provider in the region where the Medicaid enrollee is domiciled as provided for in House Resolution 68 of the 2020 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the surgeon general of this state, and the executive director of the Louisiana Medicaid Managed Care Organization Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES