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## DIGEST

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HB 1030 Reengrossed

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Spell

**Abstract:** Provides relative to nonemergency medical transportation for individuals in need of psychiatric services and the reimbursement for transportation for psychiatric services.

Present law provides for definitions relative to nonemergency medical transportation.

Proposed law adds definitions for "Institution for mental diseases", "Institution for mental diseases psychiatric service", and "Institution for mental diseases transportation services".

Proposed law provides for reimbursement for transportation for psychiatric services.

Proposed law provides for an institution for mental diseases to furnish institution for mental diseases transportation service vehicles.

Proposed law provides for reimbursement guidelines set in the Medicaid fee schedule.

Proposed law prohibits the institution for mental diseases transportation services from being paid through the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) nonemergency medical transportation brokerage program, a Medicaid transportation broker, third-party administrator, or any successor entity.

Proposed law does not exempt an institution for mental diseases, its agents, or any of their drivers from complying with applicable state and federal requirements.

Proposed law provides for the LDH to establish minimum standards to ensure patient safety.

Proposed law prohibits an institution for mental diseases transportation service from being reimbursed for non-psychiatric treatment transportation.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall not be implemented unless approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and that LDH submit an implementation plan to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by August 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2027

(Adds R.S. 40:1257.1(5)-(7) and 1257.6)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that proposed law shall not be implemented unless approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
2. Change the effective date to January 1, 2027.
3. Require LDH to submit an implementation plan to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.