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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 1030** HLS 26RS 1597

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: NEMT furnished by or through mental diseases institution		

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Provides relative to nonemergency medical transportation for individuals with mental illness

Present law provides for definitions relative to nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT). Proposed law defines institution for mental diseases transportation service as NEMT services furnished by or through an institution for mental disease to a Medicaid beneficiary. This includes transportation to the institution upon admission or from the institution upon discharge. Proposed law provides for an institution for mental disease to furnish institution for mental disease transportation service vehicles. Proposed law provides that an institution for mental disease transportation services shall be reimbursed at the same base and mileage rates and in the same manner as applicable to NEMT services under the Medicaid fee schedule in effect on the date of service. Proposed law prohibits the institution for mental disease transportation services from being arranged, authorized, scheduled, or paid through the LA Medicaid's NEMT brokerage program, a Medicaid transportation broker, third-party administrator, or any successor entity. Proposed law provides for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to establish minimum standards to ensure patient safety. Proposed law does not exempt an institution for mental disease, its agents, or its drivers from complying with applicable state and federal requirements. Proposed law prohibits an institution for mental disease transportation service from being reimbursed for non-psychiatric treatment transportation. Proposed law provides that this legislation shall not be implemented unless approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and that LDH submit an implementation plan to the CMS by 8/01/2026. Proposed law provides for an effective date of 1/01/2027.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) indicates that the proposed law has no expenditure impact. This legislation authorizes an institution for mental disease to provide non-emergency medical transportation services to Medicaid beneficiaries without using Medicaid fee-for-service or managed care organization transportation brokers. It further provides that an institution for mental disease transportation services shall be reimbursed at the same base and mileage rates and in the same manner as otherwise applicable to non-emergency medical transportation services under the Medicaid fee schedule in effect on the date of service. Because reimbursement for these services remains the same as currently on the Medicaid fee schedule, this legislation has no fiscal impact.

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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