

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 969 (HB 1028)

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New 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.

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

New 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 medically necessary.

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

Effective upon appropriation of funds by the legislature.

Effective June 24, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 40:1257.2(C)-(E))