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Present law provides for laws governing emergency medical services provided by ambulance transport. Is silent on whether an emergency medical services provider can determine to transport an individual to a location other than a hospital emergency department.

Proposed law clarifies that protocols may be established to allow for alternative destination transportation if the individual can be appropriately treated at a location other than a hospital emergency department. Clarifies that the alternative destination may be an urgent care clinic or an independent freestanding emergency center.

Proposed law provides for rulemaking by the Department of Health and Hospitals to establish a reasonable and adequate reimbursement methodology for ground ambulance transfers to alternative destination locations.

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(Amends R.S. 40:1131(4); adds R.S. 33:4791.1(A)(6) and (B)(7), and R.S. 40:1131.3 and 1133:14(A)(1)(c))