

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 417

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides relative to NEMT providers

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1257.5, relative to nonemergency medical transportation providers; to
3 require methods for review; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to
4 conduct an evaluation; to require a public hearing before certain legislative
5 committees; to require evaluation of certain topics; to require feedback; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1257.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1257.5. NEMT single-provider system; requirements for departmental evaluation

10 A.(1) Before implementing a nonemergency medical transportation plan
11 utilizing a single transportation broker to provide services, the department shall
12 evaluate its internal systems via a public hearing before the House and Senate
13 committees on health and welfare and determine whether implementing such a plan
14 is beneficial to the healthcare community.

15 (2) The department shall thoroughly evaluate its policies and provisions
16 regarding certain topics, relative to transportation brokers and NEMT services, which
17 shall include but not be limited to all of the following:

18 (a) Compliance.

19 (b) Funding.

20 (c) Scheduling.

1 B.(1) In accordance with this Section, the department's evaluation shall
 2 consist of responses gathered from a representative number of healthcare providers
 3 who use or are affiliated with the NEMT system.

4 (2) The department shall determine the best method for response submission.

5 C. The department shall consider the responses submitted in accordance with
 6 Subsection B of this Section to make its determination.

7 D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, each managed
 8 care organization shall reserve the right to manage its own NEMT compliance with
 9 the provisions of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the La. Dept. of Health to evaluate its internal systems before implementing plans to utilize a single transportation company to provide NEMT services.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to evaluate its internal systems and determine whether implementing a nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) plan utilizing a single transportation company to provide services is beneficial to the healthcare community.

Proposed law requires the evaluation to be conducted via a public hearing before the House and Senate committees on health and welfare.

Proposed law requires LDH's internal evaluation to include responses gathered from a representative number of healthcare providers who use or are affiliated with the NEMT system. Proposed law further requires LDH to determine the best method for response submission.

Proposed law requires LDH to thoroughly evaluate its policies and provisions regarding certain topics, relative to transportation brokers and NEMT services. Proposed law further requires the evaluation to include but not be limited to all of the following:

- (1) Compliance.
- (2) Funding.
- (3) Scheduling.

Proposed law requires LDH to consider the responses submitted in accordance with proposed law to make its determination.

Proposed law provides that each managed care organization shall reserve the right to manage its own NEMT compliance with the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 40:1257.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Change references from "transportation company" to "transportation broker".
2. Add a stipulation for the evaluation required by proposed law to be conducted by way of a public hearing before the House and Senate committees on health and welfare.
3. Detail the policies and provisions that shall be evaluated in accordance with proposed law.
4. Provide that each managed care organization shall reserve the right to manage its own NEMT compliance.
5. Make technical corrections.