



General Assembly

Amendment

January Session, 2009

LCO No. 8193

SB0095408193SD0

Offered by:

SEN. DOYLE, 9th Dist.

REP. WALKER, 93rd Dist.

REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 954

File No. 406

Cal. No. 330

"AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 17b-276 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
5 *1, 2009*):

6 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall identify geographic
7 areas of the state where competitive bidding for nonemergency
8 transportation services provided to medical assistance recipients to
9 access covered medical services would result in cost savings to the
10 state. For the identified areas, the Commissioner of Social Services, in
11 consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, the
12 Commissioner of Public Health and the Secretary of the Office of
13 Policy and Management, shall purchase such nonemergency
14 transportation services through a competitive bidding process. Any

15 transportation providers awarded a contract or subcontract for the
16 direct provision of such services shall meet state licensure or
17 certification requirements and the nonemergency transportation
18 requirements established by the Department of Social Services, and
19 shall provide the most cost effective transportation service, provided
20 any contractor awarded a contract solely for coordinating such
21 transportation services shall not be required to meet such licensure or
22 certification requirements and provided the first such contracts for the
23 purchase of such services shall not exceed one year. Prior to awarding
24 a contract pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of Social Services
25 shall consider the effect of the contract on the emergency ambulance
26 primary service areas and volunteer ambulance services affected by
27 the contract. The commissioner may limit the geographic areas to be
28 served by a contractor and may limit the amount of services to be
29 performed by a contractor. The commissioner may operate one or
30 more pilot programs prior to state-wide operation of a competitive
31 bidding program for nonemergency transportation services. By
32 enrolling in the Medicaid program or participating in the
33 competitively bid contract for nonemergency transportation services,
34 providers of nonemergency transportation services agree to offer to
35 recipients of medical assistance all types or levels of transportation
36 services for which they are licensed or certified. Effective October 1,
37 1991, payment for such services shall be made only for services
38 provided to an eligible recipient who is actually transported. A
39 contract entered into pursuant to this section may include services
40 provided by another state agency. Notwithstanding any provision of
41 the general statutes, a contract entered into pursuant to this section
42 shall establish the rates to be paid for the transportation services
43 provided under the contract. A contract entered into pursuant to this
44 section may include services provided by another state agency and
45 shall supersede any conflicting provisions of the regulations of
46 Connecticut state agencies pertaining to medical transportation
47 services. Any contractor awarded a contract for coordinating
48 nonemergency transportation services for medical assistance
49 recipients, who also coordinates transportation services for

50 nonmedical assistance recipients, shall disclose to any transportation
51 provider, with whom it subcontracts to provide nonemergency
52 transportation services under this section, the source of payment at the
53 time the service is requested.

54 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) All brokers of nonemergency
55 medical transportation services that are provided under contract with
56 the Department of Social Services shall: (1) Obtain prior authorization
57 from the department for such services, (2) be available twenty-four
58 hours per day, seven days per week to receive and respond to requests
59 for prior authorization from the providers of such services, and (3)
60 provide prior authorization to the providers in a timely manner."