



House of Representatives

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General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5437
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 29, 2016

**AN ACT CONCERNING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL
TRANSPORTATION FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) On or before September 1, 2016,
2 the Commissioner of Social Services shall initiate planning for the
3 implementation of a new service delivery model for the coordination
4 and administration of nonemergency medical transportation services
5 for medical assistance recipients.

6 (b) On or before November 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Social
7 Services shall issue a request for proposals for transportation broker
8 services for the coordination and administration of nonemergency
9 medical transportation services for medical assistance recipients. In
10 determining the terms of such services the commissioner shall
11 consider: (1) Minimum wait times for livery transportation to and from
12 medical appointments; (2) prescribed levels or modes of service, when
13 requested by a medical provider treating a medical assistance
14 recipient; (3) recording of all complaints and staff training on

15 recording and responding to complaints; (4) written notice by the
 16 contractor or contractors of denials, terminations, suspensions or
 17 reductions of nonemergency medical transportation services to be
 18 mailed to medical assistance recipients with the reasons for such
 19 service changes; (5) minimum performance standards for responses to
 20 telephone calls concerning nonemergency medical transportation
 21 services for medical assistance recipients and related training; (6)
 22 monitoring of contract compliance by an independent quality
 23 assurance committee, to be named by the commissioner, that includes
 24 medical assistance recipients, advocates for such recipients, the
 25 contractor or contractors, the commissioner or the commissioner's
 26 representative, health care providers and livery company
 27 representatives; (7) monetary sanctions for failure to meet performance
 28 standards; and (8) mandatory reports by the contractor or contractors
 29 regarding adherence to performance standards and complaints
 30 received to be submitted at least monthly to the commissioner and
 31 annually to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 32 having cognizance of matters relating to human services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	New section

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state Medicaid program to (1) plan for a new service delivery model for nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) and (2) issue requests for proposals for NEMT. The bill does not require the Department of Social Services to enter into a new contract for NEMT or modify its existing contract, which expires December 31, 2016.

House "A" eliminated the original fiscal note and its associated fiscal impact and results in the fiscal impact described above.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5437 (as amended by House "A")

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 1 (03/17/2016)