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HOUSE BILL 18-1321

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House Committees

Health, Insurance, & Environment
Appropriations

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF NONEMERGENCY**
102 **MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE EXISTING BENEFIT**
103 **UNDER THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing (department) to create and implement a method for meeting urgent transportation needs within the existing nonemergency medical transportation benefit under the medical assistance program.

The method created by the department must provide medical

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

service provider and facility access to approved providers who can meet urgent transportation needs, and include an efficient method for obtaining and paying for the transportation services.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25.5-5-324 as
3 follows:

4 **25.5-5-324. Nonemergency medical transportation - urgent**
5 **transportation need - report - repeal.** (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1,
6 2019, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND IMPLEMENT AN
7 EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR MEETING URGENT
8 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS WITHIN THE EXISTING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL
9 TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT UNDER THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
10 URGENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS INCLUDE DISCHARGE FROM INPATIENT,
11 EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND OTHER URGENT BUT NONEMERGENCY
12 SERVICES, AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

13 (2) THE METHOD CREATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT MUST
14 INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

15 (a) MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER OR FACILITY ACCESS TO
16 APPROVED TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS FOR PATIENTS WITH URGENT
17 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS;

18 (b) ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS WHO HAVE OBTAINED
19 THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND CHECKS, DRUG TESTS, TRAINING, AND
20 VEHICLE INSPECTIONS, AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT; AND

21 (c) AN EFFICIENT METHOD FOR OBTAINING AND PAYING FOR
22 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR URGENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

23 (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT FOR BACKGROUND
24 CHECKS, DRUG TESTS, TRAINING, AND VEHICLE INSPECTIONS THAT MAY BE

1 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

2 (4) (a) THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT ON THE
3 IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROCESS CREATED IN THIS
4 SECTION FOR MEETING URGENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS WITHIN THE
5 NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT. THE STATE
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESENT THE REPORT AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL
7 PRESENTATION TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE
8 SENATE AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF
9 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, THAT
10 IS HELD EACH YEAR DURING THE INTERIM PRIOR TO THE LEGISLATIVE
11 SESSION, AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-7-203.

12 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 24-1-136
13 (11)(a)(I) TO THE CONTRARY, THE REPORT REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS
14 SECTION SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE 2025
15 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

16 (c) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.

17 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.