

HB 1490-FN – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to fees paid to providers who transport patients under the Medicaid managed care program.

SPONSORS: Rep. Martel, Hills 44; Rep. Kotowski, Merr 24; Rep. Meaney, Hills 6

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioner of the department of health and human services to submit a state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the purpose of increasing fees for transporting patients to medical appointments under the Medicaid managed care program.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Medicaid Managed Care Program; Transportation Services. Amend RSA 126-
2 A:5 by inserting after paragraph XXII the following new paragraph:

3 XXIII. The commissioner shall prepare and submit a Title XIX Medicaid state plan
4 amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the purpose of increasing
5 fees from \$2.46 per mile to \$3.25 per mile for providers who transport patients to medical
6 appointments under the Medicaid managed care program. The commissioner shall also include as
7 part of the amendment a penalty provision which may be imposed on persons who either miss the
8 transportation ride or choose not to take the transportation ride after the provider has arrived at the
9 person's residence.

10 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 1490-FN - FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Health and Human Services states this bill, **as introduced**, will have an indeterminable fiscal impact on state expenditures in FY 2014 and each year thereafter. There will be no fiscal impact on state, county or local revenue, or county and local expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Health and Human Services states this bill would require the Department to submit a Title XIX Medicaid State Plan Amendment to increase the rate paid to Medicaid transportation providers in the Medicaid care management program. The Department states the rates for transportation are included in the overall capitated rate paid to managed care companies (MCOs) under contract with state to provide managed Medicaid services. The Department indicates the identified rates are specified in the contracts between the individual transportation vendors and the MCOs. In addition, the Department states it is not clear how or if a State Plan Amendment could legally change the contract between the MCO and the provider. The Department assumes if the legislation did change the rate, the capitated rates paid to the MCOs would require an actuarial recalculation.