



Please Support HB18-1321 Efficient Administration of Non-Emergency Medical Transportation!

Sponsors: Representative McKean and Representative Arndt, Rep. Ginal, Senator Moreno and Senator Martinez Humenik, Senator Kefalas

What the bill does?

The bill requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to create and implement a method for meeting urgent transportation needs within the existing nonemergency medical transportation benefit under the medical assistance program. This method would be available state-wide for those who qualify for the benefit.

Why the bill is needed?

- Medicaid contracts Non-Emergency Medical Transport (NEMT), through the metro area transportation broker, requires a 24-hour notice for transporting patients. This notice is not always possible in instances where there is not a scheduled discharge time, or the driver misses the patient pickup.
- Short notice non-medical transportation requests like in patient hospital discharges can take 3-7 hours to fill.
- This would allow the medical service provider and facility to access a list of approved providers who can meet the urgent transportation needs such as hospital discharges and other uses as determined by the Department.
- Ensuring that patients are transported in a timely manner reduces health care costs and protects the patient from any unnecessary delay in care.
- The list of approved transportation providers would be required to have obtained the necessary background checks, drug tests, training and vehicle inspections as required by the state department.

Supporters:

UCHealth, National MS Society, Healthier Colorado, Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Project, Chronic Care Collaborative, CO Public Health Association, Colorado Children's Campaign, Children's Hospital Colorado

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