

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Medicaid services; amending s. 409.905,
 3 F.S.; increasing the Medicaid reimbursement rates for air
 4 ambulance transportation to match current Medicare rates;
 5 providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 9 Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 409.905, Florida
 10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 409.905 Mandatory Medicaid services.--The agency may make
 12 payments for the following services, which are required of the
 13 state by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, furnished by
 14 Medicaid providers to recipients who are determined to be
 15 eligible on the dates on which the services were provided. Any
 16 service under this section shall be provided only when medically
 17 necessary and in accordance with state and federal law.

18 Mandatory services rendered by providers in mobile units to
 19 Medicaid recipients may be restricted by the agency. Nothing in
 20 this section shall be construed to prevent or limit the agency
 21 from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates, lengths of stay,
 22 number of visits, number of services, or any other adjustments
 23 necessary to comply with the availability of moneys and any
 24 limitations or directions provided for in the General
 25 Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

26 (12) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.--The agency shall ensure
 27 that appropriate transportation services are available for a
 28 Medicaid recipient in need of transport to a qualified Medicaid

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29 provider for medically necessary and Medicaid-compensable
30 services, provided a client's ability to choose a specific
31 transportation provider shall be limited to those options
32 resulting from policies established by the agency to meet the
33 fiscal limitations of the General Appropriations Act. The agency
34 may pay for transportation and other related travel expenses as
35 necessary only if these services are not otherwise available.
36 Medicaid reimbursement for air ambulance transportation shall be
37 paid at the same rates as current Medicare reimbursement for the
38 same services.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.