

By Senator Baxley

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to prisoner medical services; creating
3 s. 951.0325, F.S.; providing definitions; limiting
4 compensation to health care providers that do not have
5 contracts with the county or municipality operating a
6 detention facility to provide prisoner medical
7 services; limiting compensation to entities that
8 provide emergency medical transportation services for
9 prisoners if those entities do not have a contract
10 with the county or municipality operating a detention
11 facility; providing applicability; providing an
12 effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 951.0325, Florida Statutes, is created
17 to read:

18 951.0325 Prisoner medical services.—

19 (1) As used in this section, the term:

20 (a) "Emergency medical transportation services" includes,
21 but is not limited to, services rendered by ambulances,
22 emergency medical services vehicles, and air ambulances as those
23 terms are defined in s. 401.23.

24 (b) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as provided
25 in s. 766.105.

26 (2) Compensation to a health care provider to provide
27 prisoner medical services may not exceed 110 percent of the
28 Medicare allowable rate if the health care provider does not
29 have a contract to provide such services with the county or
30 municipality operating the county or municipal detention
31 facility that houses the prisoner. However, compensation to a
32 health care provider may not exceed 125 percent of the Medicare

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33 allowable rate if:

34 (a) The health care provider does not have a contract to
35 provide medical services with the county or municipality that
36 houses the prisoner; and

37 (b) The health care provider reported a negative operating
38 margin for the previous year to the Agency for Health Care
39 Administration through hospital-audited financial data.

40 (3) Compensation to an entity to provide emergency medical
41 transportation services for a prisoner may not exceed 110
42 percent of the Medicare allowable rate if the entity does not
43 have a contract to provide such services with the county or
44 municipality operating the county or municipal detention
45 facility housing the prisoner.

46 (4) This section does not apply to charges for medical
47 services for prisoners provided at a hospital operated by the
48 county or municipality.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.