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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Rouson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 68 - 77

and insert:

(8) (a) A managed care plan that administers the nonemergency Medicaid transportation benefit or the plan's subcontracted transportation broker, or a transportation broker administering the nonemergency Medicaid transportation benefit for the Agency for Health Care Administration, shall attempt to secure in each county nonemergency ambulance transportation



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11 services with the ambulance provider or providers that have  
12 obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity in  
13 the county.

14 (b) If a managed care plan, its subcontracted  
15 transportation broker, or a transportation broker is unable to  
16 secure nonemergency ambulance transportation services in a  
17 county after a good faith attempt, the managed care plan, its  
18 subcontracted transportation broker, or the transportation  
19 broker may request an ambulance provider that is licensed as a  
20 basic life support service or an advanced life support service  
21 in accordance with this section and that uses vehicles permitted  
22 in accordance with s. 401.26. Such an ambulance provider may  
23 provide nonemergency Medicaid transportation services in the  
24 county and is exempt from paragraph (2) (d). For purposes of this  
25 paragraph, a managed care plan, its subcontracted transportation  
26 broker, or a transportation broker has in good faith attempted  
27 to secure a nonemergency transportation trip with an ambulance  
28 provider in a county when the following have occurred:

29 1. The managed care plan, its subcontracted transportation  
30 broker, or the transportation broker has contacted all providers  
31 that operate within the county which are licensed as a basic  
32 life support service or an advanced life support service in  
33 accordance with this section and use vehicles permitted in  
34 accordance with s. 401.26, regarding the need for a nonemergency  
35 ambulance Medicaid transportation trip in the county and the  
36 applicable timeframe for the trip requested;

37 2. In making the contact pursuant to subparagraph 1., the  
38 managed care plan, its subcontracted transportation broker, or  
39 the transportation broker offered to schedule a nonemergency



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40 ambulance Medicaid transportation trip at the established  
41 Medicaid rate and in accordance with such other terms required  
42 by the Agency for Health Care Administration; and

43 3. The managed care plan, its subcontracted transportation  
44 broker, or the transportation broker allowed a reasonable time  
45 period after delivery of the offer, given the circumstances of  
46 the transportation need and the urgency of the request, for the  
47 ambulance provider to accept and schedule the trip or decline  
48 the trip. An ambulance provider that fails to respond to a  
49 request within a reasonable period of time is deemed to have  
50 declined the trip request.

51 (c) A managed care plan, its subcontracted transportation  
52 broker, or a transportation broker shall retain for at least 5  
53 years records that document all good faith attempts to secure a  
54 nonemergency transportation trip with an ambulance provider  
55 pursuant to this subsection and any instances of securing  
56 nonemergency transportation services with an ambulance provider  
57 that does not possess a certificate of public convenience and  
58 necessity in the county where the service was provided.

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60 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

61 And the title is amended as follows:

62 Delete lines 17 - 21

63 and insert:

64 F.S.; requiring certain managed care plans or their  
65 subcontracted transportation brokers or certain  
66 transportation brokers to attempt to secure in each  
67 county nonemergency ambulance transportation services  
68 with the ambulance provider or providers that have



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69           obtained a certificate of public convenience and  
70           necessity in the county; authorizing the managed care  
71           plan, its subcontracted transportation broker, or the  
72           transportation broker to request an ambulance provider  
73           licensed as a basic life support service or an  
74           advanced life support service under certain  
75           circumstances; authorizing the ambulance provider to  
76           provide nonemergency Medicaid transportation services  
77           in that county; exempting the ambulance provider from  
78           certain certificate of public convenience and  
79           necessity requirements; specifying the circumstances  
80           under which a managed care plan, its subcontracted  
81           transportation broker, or a transportation broker has  
82           in good faith attempted to secure a nonemergency  
83           transportation trip with an ambulance provider;  
84           requiring a managed care plan, its subcontracted  
85           transportation broker, or a transportation broker to  
86           retain certain records for a specified minimum period;  
87           providing an effective date.