

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to nonemergency medical transportation
 3 services; amending s. 316.87, F.S.; authorizing
 4 certain nonemergency medical transportation services
 5 to be provided to a Medicaid recipient by a
 6 transportation network company; providing for
 7 governance of the transportation network company;
 8 providing construction; requiring the Agency for
 9 Health Care Administration to update the Florida
 10 Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Services
 11 Coverage Policy by a certain date; authorizing the
 12 agency to review opportunities to improve
 13 reimbursement rates; providing an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Section 316.87, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 18 read:

19 316.87 Nonemergency medical transportation services.—

20 (1) To ensure the availability of nonemergency medical
 21 transportation services throughout the state, a provider
 22 licensed by the county or operating under a permit issued by the
 23 county may not be required to use a vehicle that is larger than
 24 needed to transport the number of persons being transported or
 25 that is inconsistent with the medical condition of the

26 individuals receiving the nonemergency medical transportation
 27 services. This subsection ~~section~~ does not apply to the
 28 procurement, contracting, or provision of paratransit
 29 transportation services, directly or indirectly, by a county or
 30 an authority, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of
 31 1990, as amended.

32 (2) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
 33 nonemergency medical transportation services provided under ss.
 34 409.905 and 409.973 may be provided to a Medicaid recipient by a
 35 transportation network company.

36 (b) In providing such Medicaid nonemergency transportation
 37 services, transportation network companies shall be governed by
 38 s. 627.748.

39 (c) This subsection may not be construed to expand or
 40 limit the existing transportation benefit provided to Medicaid
 41 recipients.

42 (3) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall update
 43 the Florida Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Services
 44 Coverage Policy to reflect the policies set forth in subsection
 45 (2) by October 1, 2019.

46 (4) The Agency for Health Care Administration may review
 47 and evaluate opportunities to improve nonemergency medical
 48 transportation reimbursement rates at no additional cost to the
 49 state.

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.