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HOUSE BILL 18-1321

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF NONEMERGENCY  
102 MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE EXISTING BENEFIT  
103 UNDER THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing (department) to create and implement a method for meeting urgent transportation needs within the existing nonemergency medical transportation benefit under the medical assistance program.

The method created by the department must provide medical

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service provider and facility access to approved providers who can meet urgent transportation needs, and include an efficient method for obtaining and paying for the transportation services.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25.5-5-324 as  
3 follows:

4 **25.5-5-324. Nonemergency medical transportation - urgent**  
5 **transportation need.** (1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2019, THE STATE  
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND IMPLEMENT AN EFFICIENT AND  
7 COST-EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR MEETING URGENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS  
8 WITHIN THE EXISTING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION  
9 BENEFIT UNDER THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. URGENT  
10 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS INCLUDE DISCHARGE FROM INPATIENT,  
11 EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND OTHER URGENT BUT NONEMERGENCY  
12 SERVICES, AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

13 (2) THE METHOD CREATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT MUST  
14 INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

15 (a) MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER OR FACILITY ACCESS TO  
16 APPROVED TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS FOR PATIENTS WITH URGENT  
17 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS;

18 (b) ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS WHO HAVE OBTAINED  
19 THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND CHECKS, DRUG TESTS, TRAINING, AND  
20 VEHICLE INSPECTIONS, AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT; AND

21 (c) AN EFFICIENT METHOD FOR OBTAINING AND PAYING FOR  
22 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR URGENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

23 (3) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT FOR BACKGROUND  
24 CHECKS, DRUG TESTS, TRAINING, AND VEHICLE INSPECTIONS THAT MAY BE

1      REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

2             **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
3      determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
4      preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.