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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Conley, Nesselbush, Metts, and Cano

Date Introduced: May 22, 2019

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 40-8 of the General Laws entitled "Medical Assistance" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **40-8-33. Payment to non-emergency medical transportation service providers.**

4           (a) To support the ability of non-emergency medical transportation service providers to  
5 provide high quality non-emergency medical transportation services to patients, the executive  
6 office of health and human services ("executive office") shall adopt and implement a  
7 methodology for determining a Medicaid fee for services and reimbursement rate, for non-  
8 emergency medical transportation service providers that is at least comparable to the rates paid  
9 for similar services in neighboring states. These fees and rates shall apply to Medicaid eligible  
10 services.

11           (b) The rate determination methodology shall fairly recognize the reasonable costs of  
12 providing these services. Recognized reasonable costs shall be those appropriate for the  
13 organization, management, and direct provision of services.

14           (c) The executive office may require non-emergency medical transportation service  
15 providers to provide assurances to the executive office that services are provided in an effective  
16 and efficient manner, consistent with industry standards.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would direct the executive office of health and human services to adopt and  
2   implement a methodology for determining a Medicaid fee for services and reimbursement rate for  
3   non-emergency medical transportation service providers that is at least comparable to the rates  
4   paid for similar services in neighboring states.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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