

1 AN ACT relating to Medicaid-covered nonemergency medical transportation.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 205 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *The cabinet shall be responsible for overseeing and administering nonemergency*  
6 *medical transportation services for Medicaid beneficiaries. In fulfilling its duties under*  
7 *this section, the cabinet shall:*

8 *(1) Approve individual nonemergency medical transportation vendors throughout the*  
9 *Commonwealth;*

10 *(2) Ensure that any Medicaid-enrolled provider is approved as a nonemergency*  
11 *medical transportation broker for reimbursement purposes;*

12 *(3) Establish a process by which any local school district may be approved as a*  
13 *nonemergency medical transportation broker, be eligible to be a reimbursed*  
14 *broker, and provide nonemergency medical transportation services reimbursable*  
15 *under the state's Medicaid program;*

16 *(4) Establish a process for reimbursing ride-sharing services for providing*  
17 *nonemergency medical transportation to Medicaid-covered services;*

18 *(5) Establish policies that permit a Medicaid beneficiary to request to add up to one*  
19 *(1) additional stop for additional Medicaid-covered services, including but not*  
20 *limited to requesting a stop for pharmacy services, when utilizing nonemergency*  
21 *medical transportation services;*

22 *(6) Permit, when possible, same day scheduling for nonemergency medical*  
23 *transportation services;*

24 *(7) Include information about nonemergency medical transportation benefits on*  
25 *Medicaid membership cards provided to enrollees; and*

26 *(8) Take full advantage of all federally permitted nonemergency medical*  
27 *transportation flexibilities that have the potential to:*

- 1        (a) Improve access to nonemergency medical transportation services;
- 2        (b) Increase the efficiency of nonemergency medical transport services;
- 3        (c) Reduce the cost of nonemergency medical transportation services;
- 4        (d) Improve the quality of nonemergency medical transportation services; or
- 5        (e) Otherwise improve access to healthcare by Medicaid beneficiaries who are
- 6        in need of nonemergency medical transportation services.