

Senate File 325 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a pilot project for transportation services
2 for persons who require medical transportation due to a
3 substance-related disorder or a mental illness.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRANSPORTATION — PILOT
2 PROJECT.

3 1. The department of human services shall establish a
4 three-year behavioral health transportation pilot project in
5 a county with a population between 165,000 and 200,000 as
6 determined by the latest certified federal census to contract
7 with a private entity for transportation services for persons
8 who require medical transportation due to a substance-related
9 disorder or a mental illness. In contracting with a private
10 entity to provide such services, the county shall include
11 provisions relating to appropriately trained personnel and the
12 use of appropriately equipped vehicles to ensure at all times
13 the safe transportation of persons served pursuant to this
14 section.

15 2. The director of human services shall ensure that the
16 terms of any contract for managed care or prepaid services
17 for transportation services for persons who require medical
18 transportation due to a substance-related disorder or a mental
19 illness under the Medicaid program shall provide reimbursement
20 for the transportation services provided by the private entity
21 pursuant to this section.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill establishes a pilot project for transportation
26 services for persons who require medical transportation due to
27 a substance-related disorder or a mental illness.

28 The bill directs the department of human services to
29 establish a three-year behavioral health transportation pilot
30 project in a county with a population between 165,000 and
31 200,000 as determined by the latest certified federal census
32 to contract with a private entity for transportation services
33 for persons who require medical transportation due to a
34 substance-related disorder or a mental illness. The county's
35 contract with the private entity shall include provisions

1 relating to appropriately trained personnel and the use of
2 appropriately equipped vehicles to ensure at all times the safe
3 transportation of persons served pursuant to the bill.

4 The bill directs the director of the department of
5 human services to ensure that the terms of any contract for
6 managed care or prepaid services for transportation services
7 for persons who require medical transportation due to a
8 substance-related disorder or a mental illness under the
9 Medicaid program provide reimbursement for the transportation
10 services provided by the private entity pursuant to this
11 section.