

**House Study Bill 617 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
BILL BY CHAIRPERSON MEYER)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the transport of patients to mental health  
2 access centers by an ambulance.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 147A.19 Transport to mental health  
2 access centers.

3 A service program may provide ambulance service to transport  
4 a person experiencing a mental health crisis to a mental health  
5 access center.

6 Sec. 2. AMBULANCE TRANSPORT TO MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS CENTERS  
7 — BILLING. The department of health and human services shall  
8 authorize payments to service programs for the transportation  
9 of persons experiencing a mental health crisis to mental health  
10 access centers in amounts similar to payments authorized  
11 for the transportation of persons to hospital emergency  
12 departments.

13 EXPLANATION

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

16 This bill relates to the transportation of persons by  
17 ambulance service programs. The bill allows an ambulance  
18 service program to transport a person experiencing a mental  
19 health crisis to a mental health access center. The bill  
20 directs the department of health and human services to  
21 authorize payments to service programs for the transportation  
22 of persons to mental health access centers in amounts similar  
23 to payments authorized for the transportation of persons to  
24 hospital emergency departments.