

House File 977 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 941)
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 249)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the expansion of the ground emergency medical
2 transportation program.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **249A.5 Ground emergency medical**
2 **transportation — expansion.**

3 1. The department shall employ dedicated staff for the sole
4 purpose of expanding enrollment in the ground emergency medical
5 transportation program established pursuant to 2018 Iowa Acts,
6 ch. 1054. The staff shall provide technical assistance, actuary
7 support, and Medicaid enrollment assistance to any eligible
8 ground emergency medical transportation provider that seeks
9 participation in the ground emergency medical transportation
10 program. The department shall develop the ground emergency
11 medical transportation program to ensure access to emergency
12 medical services throughout the state.

13 2. The department shall submit a report to the general
14 assembly by December 15 of each year regarding the ground
15 emergency medical transportation program, which shall include
16 information on the number of ground emergency medical
17 transportation providers enrolled in the ground emergency medical
18 transportation program, the number of ground emergency medical
19 transportation providers that the department provided assistance
20 to in the prior fiscal year, and barriers to enrollment in the
21 ground emergency medical transportation program.

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 relates to the ground emergency medical
26 transportation program. The bill requires the department of
27 health and human services (department) to employ dedicated staff
28 for the sole purpose of expanding enrollment in the ground
29 emergency medical transportation program. The bill requires
30 the staff to provide technical assistance, actuary support,
31 and Medicaid enrollment assistance to eligible ground emergency
32 medical transportation providers that seek participation in
33 the ground emergency medical transportation program. The
34 bill directs the department to develop the ground emergency
35 medical transportation program to ensure access to emergency

1 medical services throughout the state. The bill requires
2 the department to submit a report to the general assembly by
3 December 15 of each year regarding the ground emergency medical
4 transportation program, which shall include the number of ground
5 emergency medical transportation providers enrolled in the ground
6 emergency medical transportation program, the number of ground
7 emergency medical transportation providers that the department
8 provided assistance to in the prior fiscal year, and barriers
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