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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 26-88—SB 429

Human Services Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**

SUMMARY: This act sets requirements for how the Department of Social Services (DSS) calculates mileage to reimburse ambulance services under the state medical assistance program (which includes Medicaid). Specifically, the act requires the DSS commissioner to calculate out-of-district mileage for these services based on an ambulance's distance traveled with the patient onboard from the patient pickup to the destination, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of a mile.

The act allows an ambulance service to use any reasonable and verifiable method to document mileage, including GPS data, navigation or dispatch computer systems, or commercially available mapping routing programs. The DSS commissioner must require ambulance service providers to keep mileage documentation in the patient care record, including a trip report with the patient's name, street address, pickup point, and destination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026