



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 479

PRINTER'S NO. 1092

PRIME SPONSOR: Borowski

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	\$0	\$0 See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

House Bill 479, Printer's Number 1092 amends the Act of June 13, 1967, known as the Human Services Code, to require the Medical Assistance Capitation and Fee-for-Service programs pay for all ambulance transportation loaded miles at \$4 per mile.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 479, amends the Human Services Code to add Section 443.13 Ambulance Transportation Services. The legislation requires both the Medical Assistance Capitation and Fee-for-Service programs to pay for all loaded ambulance miles at \$4 per loaded mile beginning on January 1, 2025. Currently, the Fiscal Code requires the Medical Assistance programs to pay for loaded miles after 20 miles are traveled.

This legislation takes effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 as the legislation requires payment for all loaded miles beginning on January 1, 2025. The increased cost would begin in FY 2024-25 and reflect one-half year as the payment increase would apply to January to June 2025. A full year's increase in cost then applies to subsequent fiscal years.

Using Medical Assistance ambulance trip data from FY 2021-22, the estimated increased cost of paying for all loaded ambulance miles was determined by multiplying \$80 per trip for ambulance trips that exceed 20 loaded miles and by \$20 per trip for trips that travel less than 20 loaded miles as these trips on average travel 5 miles.

The Department of Human Services has estimated the fiscal impact for FY 2024-25 to be an increase of \$2.3 million in state General Funds and \$4.2 million in federal funds for a total increased cost of \$6.5 million, which reflects 6 months of increased costs.

For subsequent fiscal years, the estimated fiscal impact is expected to be an increase of \$4.6 million in state General Funds and \$8.4 million in federal funds for a total increased cost of \$13 million which reflects a full year of increased costs.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.