



## 2015 SENATE BILL 646

January 27, 2016 - Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT, CARPENTER, WIRCH, RINGHAND and HARRIS DODD, cosponsored by Representatives BARCA, KOLSTE, SPREITZER, SINICKI, WACHS, MASON, OHNSTAD, ZEPNICK, BERCEAU, KESSLER, DANOU, SUBECK and KAHL. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

- 1     **AN ACT** *to create* 13.94 (1) (nm) of the statutes; **relating to:** nonemergency  
2             medical transportation for Medical Assistance recipients in certain counties.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS), to the extent permitted by the contract, to modify the current contract for the arrangement and reimbursement of nonemergency medical transportation for Medical Assistance (MA) recipients to exclude MA recipients who reside in Buffalo, Eau Claire, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Pepin, Racine, Rock, Trempealeau, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties from the contract unless the county chooses to remain under the original contract. If DHS modifies the contract, it must make alternative arrangements with counties, health maintenance organizations, or transportation providers to provided nonemergency medical transportation services to MA recipients residing in those counties. MA is administered by DHS and is a joint federal and state program that provides health services to individuals who have limited financial resources.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 3             **SECTION 1.** 13.94 (1) (nm) of the statutes is created to read:

**SENATE BILL 646****SECTION 1**

1           13.94 (1) (nm) No later than February 1, 2019, prepare a financial and  
2 performance evaluation audit of the nonemergency medical transportation program  
3 for Medical Assistance recipients including a comparison of services provided under  
4 an alternative arrangement made under 2015 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), section 2,  
5 to services provided under a contract other than the alternative arrangement.

**SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

6           (1) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION.

7           (a) The department of health services shall, to the extent permitted by the  
8 contract, modify the contract that is in effect on the effective date of this paragraph  
9 for the arrangement and reimbursement of nonemergency medical transportation  
10 services to recipients of Medical Assistance under subchapter IV of chapter 49 of the  
11 statutes to exclude recipients of Medical Assistance residing in Buffalo, Eau Claire,  
12 Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Pepin, Racine, Rock, Trempealeau,  
13 Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties from that contract unless the county  
14 chooses to remain under the original contract.  
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16           (b) If the department of health services modifies the contract under paragraph  
17 (a), the department of health services shall make alternative arrangements with  
18 counties, health maintenance organizations, or transportation providers to provide  
19 nonemergency medical transportation services to Medical Assistance recipients who  
20 reside in the counties specified in paragraph (a), except any county that chooses to  
21 remain under the original contract, no later than January 1, 2017. The department  
22 of health services shall include in any contract for alternative arrangements under  
23 this paragraph a requirement that the nonemergency medical transportation  
24 provider submit to the department of health services information substantially  
25 similar to the information required under the original contract including trip log

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1 data, summary information on all calls for services and contacts with Medical  
2 Assistance recipients, encounter data based on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
3 Services 1500 claim form data, network provider information, accident and moving  
4 violation reports, vehicle reports, complaint summary reports, telecommunications  
5 system reports, annual fiscal audit reports, and daily reports including numbers of  
6 trips, cancelled trips, denied trips, and complaints.

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