

VOTE YES ON HOUSE BILL 777

What are the issues in long term care?

"We experience EMS issues several times per month. Our residents are left stranded or unable to get the proper procedures in time. We have to pay staff overtime to handle transportation issues. We find our EMS unaccountable for their delays and failures to show."

Rural member

"The majority of our admissions come between 6pm-4am due to ambulance problems. They are confused, have dementia and scared. Our dialysis patients get stranded regularly. Critical appointments cannot be met. These issues need to be fixed!"

Conjuna Collier, Senior Vice President of Risk Management, Masonic Homes Kentucky



"We admit 60 patients a month to our recovery areas from all local hospitals. There is no scheduling of admissions due to supply of ambulances. We deal with transferring patients who are 75 and older after 8pm about 40% of the time. The after hours for pharmacy and therapy cause us to lose time in recovery. Pain management becomes an issue and sleep is disturbed. For the patient, their family, and our staff, the situation is a hardship and creates distress in an already stressful and unknown situation."

Mary Haynes, CEO, Nazareth Home Louisville

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LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES EXPERIENCE LONG DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS FROM THEIR EMS PROVIDERS

Long-term care facilities cannot fund their own transportation systems and many do not have multiple sources for transportation.

House Bill 777 requires regulation and oversight among the ambulance services in Kentucky. This bill addresses the extremely long delays in ambulance response time, which delays patients receiving the care they need. EMS delays and cancellations are a critical problem facing both urban and rural facilities on an all-too-frequent basis. Long term care providers, along with other patient-centric facilities, are finding all too often when they call, the ambulance simply doesn't come. Cancellations regularly leave patients stranded at clinics several miles away. Delays leave patients waiting for critical procedures.