

There may be some time, effort, and cost to more rural communities. Factors include, the degree to which the Cabinet for Health and Family Services reimburse local governments for the transportation of discharged patients, and the amount of time sheriffs and local officers would spend on transportation rather than on other law enforcement duties. Likewise, there would be some minimal positive impact on cities and counties in which hospitals are located, as costs are shifted from the location of service to the location of the patient. In summary, to the extent that sheriffs and police officers are used for transporting discharged patients, the costs will be more evenly distributed throughout counties of the Commonwealth.

Data Source(s): Kentucky Association of Counties; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police; Kentucky League of Cities; KY Sheriffs Association; KY Department for Local Government; Cabinet for Health and Family Services

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