COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2020 REGULAR SESSION

MEASURE

2020 BR NUMBER 83 HOUSE BILL NUMBER 8 GA

TITLE AN ACT relating to ground ambulance service providers and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSOR Representative Rob Rothenberger

FISCAL SUMMARY
STATE FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ☐ ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
☐ LOCAL MANDATE ☐ CORRECTIONS IMPACT ☐ HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Department for Medicaid Services; Kentucky Community and Technical College System

FUND(S) IMPACTED: ☒ GENERAL ☐ ROAD ☒ FEDERAL ☒ RESTRICTED Ambulance Service Assessment Fund

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES		Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
EXPENDITURES		Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
NET EFFECT		Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The purpose of the measure is to establish a Medicaid ground ambulance service provider assessment and to require quarterly payments of the assessment by ground ambulance service providers.

FISCAL EXPLANATION:
Department for Medicaid Services
The fiscal impact of the legislation is indeterminable due to several factors. The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) lacked the data on the total number of statewide emergency ground transports in order to accurately estimate the fiscal impact of House Bill 8 HCS1. DMS reports that it is unable to access this data, as it is under the purview of the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). According to DMS, there are multiple state agencies which pay for emergency transports under the fee-for-service Medicaid program including DMS and KYTC. Fees for emergency transports in the Medicaid managed care program are negotiated by the emergency ambulance providers and the Medicaid managed care organizations.

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services
There is no fiscal impact to the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS). KBEMS currently receives data on the number of emergency transports as required by the legislation.

DATA SOURCE(S): **Department for Medicaid Services**
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