

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2025 BR NUMBER 131

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 61

TITLE AN ACT relating to Medicaid-covered nonemergency medical transportation.

SPONSOR Representative Steve Bratcher

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: Medicaid Services

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED _____

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2024-2025	2025-2026	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES		\$4,400,000 – General Fund \$11,400,000 – Federal Funds	\$4,400,000 – General Fund \$11,400,000 – Federal Funds
NET EFFECT		(\$15,800,000)	(\$15,800,000)

() indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The purpose of the measure is to require the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) to oversee and administer the program for nonemergency medical transportation services (NEMT) for Medicaid eligible individuals and to establish the parameters of the NEMT.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The Cabinet for Health and Family Services estimates that House Bill (HB) 61 would result in increased costs for the DMS due to increased level of benefits, utilization, and staffing needs. DMS estimates that additional costs of \$15.2 million related to an increased level of benefits and utilization would be incurred, with \$4.1 million accounted for by General Fund and the remaining \$11.1 million accounted for by Federal Funds. DMS also estimates an additional \$600,000 would be incurred in administrative costs related to staffing needs, with \$300,000 accounted for by General Fund and \$300,000 accounted for by Federal Funds.

DATA SOURCE(S): Cabinet for Health and Family Services/Dept. for Medicaid Services

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