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1 AN ACT concerning nonemergency health care transportation provided  
2 under the Medicaid program and amending and supplementing  
3 P.L.1981, c.134.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.1981, c.134 (C.30:4D-6.2) is amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 For the purposes of this act:

11 a. "Certified trained personnel" means that the one or more  
12 individuals directly providing [invalid coach] mobility assistance  
13 vehicle services shall possess and carry upon his person a current  
14 certificate of completion of an advanced medical training course, as  
15 determined by the Commissioner of Health.

16 b. "Division" means the Division of Medical Assistance and  
17 Health Services in the Department of Human Services.

18 c. ["Invalid coach] Mobility assistance vehicle service" means the  
19 provision of nonemergency health care transportation, supervised by  
20 certified trained personnel, for sick, infirm or otherwise disabled  
21 Medicaid recipients who are under the care and supervision of a  
22 physician and whose medical condition is not of sufficient magnitude  
23 or gravity to require transportation by ambulance, but does require  
24 transportation from place to place for medical care and whose use of  
25 an alternate form of transportation, such as taxicab, bus, other public  
26 conveyance or private vehicle might create a serious risk to life and

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 health.

2 d. "Medicaid recipient" means any person who is determined to  
3 be eligible to receive [invalid coach] mobility assistance vehicle  
4 services as provided under this act and meets the eligibility  
5 requirements pursuant to the "New Jersey Medical Assistance and  
6 Health Services Act," P.L.1968, c. 413.

7 e. "Provider" means any person, public or private institution,  
8 agency or business concern lawfully providing [invalid coach]  
9 mobility assistance vehicle services authorized under this act.  
10 (cf: P.L.1981, c.134, s.1)

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12 2. Section 2 of P.L.1981, c.134 (C.30:4D-6.3) is amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 2. No provider of [invalid coach] mobility assistance vehicle  
15 services shall be approved for reimbursement by the Division of  
16 Medical Assistance and Health Services for services rendered to  
17 Medicaid recipients unless such provider meets all the standards and  
18 requirements issued pursuant to section 3 and section 5 of this act.  
19 (cf: P.L.1981, c.134, s.2)

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21 3. Section 3 of P.L.1981, c.134 (C.30:4D-6.4) is amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 3. After consulting with the Commissioner of Human Services, the  
24 Commissioner of Health is authorized and empowered to issue and  
25 enforce, or cause to be issued and enforced through the division, all  
26 necessary rules, regulations and administrative orders with respect to:

27 a. The development of minimum requirements concerning the  
28 equipment, supplies and vehicles of providers of [invalid coach]  
29 mobility assistance vehicle services;

30 b. The establishment of standards for the amount of liability  
31 insurance each provider must maintain in order to be eligible to  
32 provide [invalid coach] mobility assistance vehicle services. Evidence  
33 of such insurance, including the name of the insurer and the policy  
34 number, shall be filed at the time of application for approval by the  
35 division and from time-to-time as the division shall deem necessary;  
36 and

37 c. The establishment of standards for certified trained personnel  
38 employed by providers of [invalid coach] mobility assistance vehicle  
39 services.

40 (cf: P.L.1981, c.134, s.3)

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42 4. (New section) Whenever the term "invalid coach service"  
43 occurs or any reference is made thereto in any law, contract or  
44 document which pertains to the Medicaid program established  
45 pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.), the same shall be  
46 deemed to mean or refer to "mobility assistance vehicle service."

1       5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6       This bill changes the term "invalid coach service" to "mobility  
7 assistance vehicle service" under the Medicaid program, which covers  
8 this form of nonemergency health care transportation provided to  
9 Medicaid recipients pursuant to P.L.1981, c.134 (C.30:4D-6.2 et  
10 seq.). The new term provides a better description of the nature of this  
11 service and deletes any reference to a person's disability.

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16       Changes term of "invalid coach service" to "mobility assistance vehicle  
17 service" under Medicaid program.