

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 102, *approved May 19, 1997*
Assembly, No. 2113

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
27 health.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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