

# Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB176-DHSS-MAA-04-06-17  
Title: GROUND EMER. MEDICAL TRANSPORT  
PAYMENTS  
Sponsor: FANSLER  
Requester: House HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Health Care Services  
Allocation: Medical Assistance Administration  
OMB Component Number: 242

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>					
Personal Services			97.6	97.6	97.6	97.6	97.6
Travel							
Services			9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Commodities			9.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>109.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)			116.6	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>109.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time			1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/18

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HB176 directs the department to develop a program to provide supplemental reimbursement to eligible ground emergency medical transportation service providers for the cost of providing services to medical assistance recipients. The amount of the supplemental reimbursement must be equal to the amount of the federal financial participation that the department receives as reimbursement for the provider's cost for the ground emergency medical transportation services, less any administrative expenses.

HB176 allows the department to charge an administrative fee to a provider who participates in the program to cover the department's costs for administering the program. However, this fee is capped at 20 percent of a provider's costs for providing ground emergency medical transportation services.

Starting in FY2019, to administer the supplemental reimbursement program for emergency medical transportation, the Division of Health Care Services has determined that it needs one full-time Medical Assistance Administrator II. This position will be funded from fees collected from providers who participate in the program. The cost of the position is shown below:

One full-time Medical Assistance Administrator II (including benefits): Range 18, Anchorage; \$97.6 annually

Services: Office space, phone, reimbursable service agreements for position support costs: \$9.4 annually

Commodities: Office supplies: \$2.0

One-Time Commodities Cost: Computer, software, and office equipment: \$7.6

All of the fees to support this program will be collected in the Health Care Medicaid Services component. The funds to support this position will be transferred from the Health Care Medicaid Services component to the Medical Assistance Administration component via a reimbursable services agreement.