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 Title: GROUND EMER. MEDICAL TRANSPORT
 PAYMENTS
 Sponsor: WOOL
 Requester: House FIN

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)

	FY2019	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2019 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019	FY 2019						
Personal Services			97.6	97.6	97.6	97.6	97.6	97.6
Travel								
Services			9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Commodities			9.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	116.6	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

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

Positions

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

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/19

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Refreshed to SLA2018 form; added reference to air transportation per committee substitute.

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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, air and water 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 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. This fee is capped at 20 percent of a provider's costs for providing emergency medical transportation services.

Development and approval of a Medicaid State Plan amendment and subsequent regulations development is anticipated to be lengthy. Thus, implementation and associated costs are not anticipated until FY2020. Starting in FY2020, 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 annually

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.