

AN ACT

relating to insurance requirements for certain nonemergency medical transportation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1954.001(4), Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Transportation network company" means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity operating in this state that uses a digital network to connect a transportation network company rider to a transportation network company driver for a prearranged ride. ~~[The term does not include an entity arranging nonemergency medical transportation under a contract with the state or a managed care organization for individuals qualifying for Medicaid or Medicare.]~~

SECTION 2. Section 1954.002, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1954.002. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. (a) This chapter applies to automobile insurance policies in this state, including policies issued by a Lloyd's plan, a reciprocal or interinsurance exchange, and a county mutual insurance company.

(b) This chapter does not apply to an entity arranging nonemergency medical transportation services under a contract with the state or a managed care organization for individuals qualifying for Medicaid or Medicare unless the entity:

1 (1) provides the transportation services through a
2 digital network that connects transportation network company
3 drivers to transportation network company riders for prearranged
4 rides;

5 (2) contracts individually with each transportation
6 network company driver who is connected to transportation network
7 company riders for the prearranged rides through the entity's
8 digital network; and

9 (3) otherwise meets all requirements under the
10 Medicaid or Medicare program for delivery of nonemergency medical
11 transportation services.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2501 was passed by the House on May 3, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2501 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor