

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 18, 2012

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2545**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Logue**

February 24, 2012

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An act to add Section 14136.6 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2545, as amended, Logue. Medi-Cal: nonemergency medical transportation.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions. Existing law provides for a schedule of health care benefits under the Medi-Cal program, including medical transportation services, subject to utilization controls.

This bill would require nonemergency medical transportation services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries by managed care organizations directly or under contractual arrangements to be subject to the same personnel, equipment, and inspection requirements as nonemergency medical transportation services provided by fee-for-service enrolled providers, *as specified*. *This bill would provide that a nonemergency medical transportation services provider is not prohibited from establishing higher standards, as specified.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 14136.6 is added to the Welfare and  
2 Institutions Code, to read:  
3 14136.6. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, nonemergency  
4 medical transportation services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries  
5 by managed care organizations directly or under contractual  
6 arrangements shall be subject to the same personnel, equipment,  
7 and inspection requirements as nonemergency medical  
8 transportation services provided by fee-for-service enrolled  
9 providers. *These requirements shall be, at a minimum, consistent*  
10 *with Sections 51151.7, 51231.1, 51231.2, and 51323 of Title 22*  
11 *of the California Code of Regulations, as those sections read on*  
12 *January 1, 2013.*  
13 (b) *Nothing in this section shall prohibit a nonemergency*  
14 *medical transportation services provider from establishing*  
15 *additional standards, provided that these standards are, at a*  
16 *minimum, consistent with the standards prescribed in Sections*  
17 *51151.7, 51231.1, 51231.2, and 51323 of Title 22 of the California*  
18 *Code of Regulations, as those sections read on January 1, 2013.*

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