

Human Services Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-429 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY

Title: MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION.

Vote Date: 3/19/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/10/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Human Services Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The current out-of-district mileage reimbursement system used by Medicaid was developed prior to GPS and uses point-to-point calculations to determine mileage traveled. This bill will update the reimbursement policy to calculate exact mileage using GPS.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Department of Social Services, Andrea Barton Reeves, Commissioner: DSS does not oppose the legislation. They do not foresee any additional costs.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Council of Small Towns, Betsy Gara, Executive Director: Supports updating the mileage reimbursement calculation policy for accurate billing.

Connecticut Hospital Association: Supports the updated mileage calculation policy.

Coventry Town Council, Lisa Thomas, Chair: Strongly supports the bill, particularly due to the increasingly frequent transport to out-of-district hospitals.

CT Ambulance Association, Heather Zimmerman Del Vecchio, Treasurer: Supports the bill and provides a copy of the antiquated mileage table of distances between post offices.

CT Ambulance Association, Valeri Gagnier: Supports the updated mileage calculation policy. The testimony describes the challenges EMS encounters due to the outdated system, which creates unnecessary administrative work and inconsistent billing practices.

Yale New Haven Health, Phil Onofrio, Director of Ground Transportation Services: Testifies in strong support of modernizing the mileage system.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Anonymous:

Anonymous: No more than seven bills should be considered.

Anonymous:

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