



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

MEDICAID-WAIVER PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORT OF THE DISABLED

REQUEST

FULLY FUND PROGRAM

Fully fund the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), so that it can pay the actual costs of providing transportation disadvantaged services pursuant to Florida Statute 427.0135.

ANALYSIS:

- Lake County works with Sunrise Arc to provide trips under the Medicaid-Waiver program for the APD. The County is being reimbursed at a rate far lower than actual cost.
- Should trip volume remain constant for the year, the County's reimbursement will fall short by \$127,000 of actual costs.

BACKGROUND:

Currently Lake County provides trips under the Medicaid-Waiver Program for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) at tiered rate structure, based upon mileage. Trips 0-6 miles are paid at \$8.15 per trip; trips 7-16 miles are paid \$10.19 per trip; and trips 17 plus miles and greater are paid at \$15.28 per trip. Lake County is being reimbursed at a rate far lower than its actual trip costs. Based upon our rate model it currently costs the County \$25.57 for each trip provided.

Florida Statute Chapter 427.0135 (2) states that "Purchasing Agencies are required to pay the rates established in the service plan or negotiated statewide contract, unless the purchasing agency has completed the procedure for using an alternative provider and demonstrated that a proposed alternative provider can provide a more cost-effective transportation service of comparable quality and standards or unless the agency has satisfied the requirements of Subsection 3."

(3) Not procure transportation disadvantaged services without initially negotiating with the commission, as provided in s. 287.057(5)(f)13, or unless otherwise authorized by statute. If the purchasing agency, after consultation with the commission, determines that it cannot reach mutually acceptable contract terms with the commission, the purchasing agency may contract for the same transportation services provided in a more cost-effective manner and of comparable or higher quality and standards. The Medicaid agency shall implement this subsection in a manner consistent with s. 409.908(18) and as otherwise limited or directed by the General Appropriations Act.

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