

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Medicaid health care providers are required under the Medicaid program to provide and arrange non-emergency transportation for their severely disabled Medicaid patients. This requirement includes obtaining prior authorization from the Health and Human Services Commission before contacting the ambulance provider for transportation. Currently, the medical assistance program can deny payment to the ambulance service provider if prior authorization is not received by the health care provider. H.B. 111 holds health care providers financially responsible if the ambulance service provider is denied payment because the health care provider did not receive prior authorization for the service.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 32.024(t), Human Resources Code, to add that the rules adopted under this section are required to provide that a person denied payment for ambulance services rendered is entitled to payment from the physician, nursing facility, health care provider, or other responsible party that requested the service if certain conditions apply. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.