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Summary SB 638 PN 646

This bill amends the Public Welfare Code to limit mileage reimbursement through the medical assistance transportation program for individuals receiving methadone treatment. Mileage reimbursement will only be granted if treatment is received from the narcotic treatment program closest to the individual's residence based on a one-way trip calculation.

The Department of Public Welfare may make exceptions to this rule based on medical emergency and the availability of the closest licensed provider.

As the medical assistance transportation program is county administered, the county programs, in consultation with DPW, are required to develop procedures for the prevention, detection, and reporting of suspected fraud and abuse related to mileage reimbursement.

Effective Date

This act shall take effect in 30 days.