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TO: Honorable Dianne White Delisi, Chair, House Committee on State Health Care Expenditures, Select

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3485 by Delisi (Relating to), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would prohibit the Health and Human Services (HHSC), in its rules governing the medical transportation program, from prohibiting a recipient of medical assistance from receiving transportation services through the program--to obtain renal dialysis treatment--on the basis that the recipient resides in a nursing facility.

The bill would require that the medical transportation program (operated by the Department of Health) provide transportation services to nursing facility clients. Absent other changes, this provision would result in increased costs. However, it is assumed that HHSC would direct the Department of Human Services to reduce the transportation allowance within nursing facility rates and to transfer the freed-up funding to the Department of Health. It is also assumed that the cost of providing transportation for nursing facility clients through the medical transportation program would equal the cost of providing the same clients transportation services through the Department of Human Services.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 324 Department of Human Services, 501 Department of Health, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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