

House Health and Human Services Committee
02/04/2026

Bill: HB 417 - Patient Interfacility Transportation Requirements

Sponsor: Representative Hayes

Floor Sponsor:

UASD Position: Track

This Bill enacts provisions related to patient interfacility transportation.

Discussion: The sponsor presented House Amendment 1, which was adopted by the Committee. The amendment adds further clarity by stating that the transfer could not violate the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act. The Bill requires a health care facility, under certain circumstances, to allow a patient to use non-medical transportation to another health care facility if specific conditions are met and requires the health care facility to provide notice to the patient and assist in arranging transportation. It enacts provisions related to admission and billing for the receiving health care facility and establishes liability protections for originating health care facilities and health care providers under specified circumstances. The Bill requires that the patient arrive at the receiving facility within two hours of departure from the originating healthcare facility. This applies to limited and relatively rare situations.

A Representative asked whether the two-hour timeframe could be extended for individuals who live farther away, to which the sponsor responded that the issue could be worked out. Representative Acton asked whether patients may transport themselves by any means, and the sponsor responded that they may. The Utah Hospital Association and a member of the public spoke in support of the Bill.

Yea: 12

Nay: 0

N/V: 2

Outcome: HB 417, as amended, passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.