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To provide reimbursement under the Medicaid program to individuals and entities that provide voluntary non-emergency medical transportation to Medicaid beneficiaries for expenses related to no-load travel.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Recruiting Individuals
5 to Drive Our Elders Act of 2012” or the “RIDE Act of
6 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR NO-LOAD TRAVEL COSTS IN-**
2 **CURRED BY VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING NON-**
3 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION TO**
4 **MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services shall publish an interim final rule to re-
8 vise the Medicaid transportation regulations at sections
9 431.53 and 440.170 of title 42, Code of Federal Regula-
10 tions, as necessary, to allow a State plan for medical as-
11 sistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act to pro-
12 vide, at the option of the State, reimbursement for costs
13 attributable to providing no-load volunteer travel services
14 to individuals eligible for medical assistance under the
15 State plan who require transportation to receive non-emer-
16 gency medical treatment.

17 (b) NO-LOAD VOLUNTEER TRAVEL SERVICE.—For
18 purposes of subsection (a), the term “no-load volunteer
19 travel service” means travel services that—

20 (1) are provided by a person who, as deter-
21 mined by a State, local, or tribal government, pro-
22 vides such services on a volunteer basis (referred to
23 in this subsection as a “volunteer”); and

24 (2) are necessary for the volunteer to—

25 (A) travel from the originating location of
26 the volunteer to the location of an individual

1 who is eligible for medical assistance under the
2 State Medicaid plan and requires transportation
3 to receive non-emergency medical treatment (in-
4 cluding, for purposes of an individual who re-
5 quested transportation to receive non-emer-
6 gency medical treatment and subsequently re-
7 fused such transportation or was not present at
8 the requested pick-up location, any travel that
9 is necessary for the volunteer to return to their
10 originating location);

11 (B) for purposes of an individual who has
12 been provided transportation by the volunteer
13 to receive non-emergency medical treatment and
14 is required to remain at the treatment location
15 overnight or for an extended period of time (as
16 determined appropriate by a State, local, or
17 tribal government), return to the originating lo-
18 cation of the volunteer and, following the com-
19 pletion of such treatment, travel back to the
20 treatment location; and

21 (C) following any transportation that is
22 necessary to return an individual who has re-
23 ceived non-emergency medical treatment to

- 1 their pick-up location, return to the originating
- 2 location of the volunteer.

