



## **Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Health Plan Advisory 15-5 February 18, 2015**

### **NEMT – Meals and Lodging**

Whereas all Medicaid transportation services are included in Bayou Health managed care contracts, DHH is issuing this guidance in order to clarify what services are included under the transportation program and therefore included as a benefit under each managed care plan.

Section 440.170 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires that Medicaid transportation include:

- Transportation for the beneficiary by ambulance, taxicab, common carrier, or other appropriate means;
- The cost of meals and lodging en route to and from medical care, and while receiving medical care; and
- The expenses for transportation and other related travel expenses determined to be necessary to secure medical examinations and treatment for a beneficiary.

Legacy Medicaid in Louisiana reimburses for out-of-state food and lodging at a usual and customary rate for the region in which the services are provided. Usual and customary rates for food and lodging are determined by the Division of Administration Travel Policy Guide, which can be found online at

<http://doa.louisiana.gov/osp/travel/travelpolicy.htm>.