

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

**Inpatient Hospital Services
Children's Specialty Hospitals
Supplemental Payments for New Orleans Area Hospitals
(LAC 50:V.969)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopts LAC 50:V.969 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

As a result of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' disapproval of the State Plan Amendment for the financing of the transition of the management and operation of certain children's specialty hospitals from state-owned and operated to private partners, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing now proposes to adopt a supplemental payment methodology for inpatient hospital services rendered by children's specialty hospitals in the New Orleans area. This action is being taken to promote the health and welfare of Medicaid recipients by ensuring sufficient provider participation and continued access to inpatient hospital

services through the maximization of federal dollars. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will be cost neutral to the Medicaid Program in state fiscal year 2015 since these expenditures are included in the current budget.

Effective February 12, 2015, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopts provisions governing supplemental payments for inpatient hospital services rendered by children's specialty hospitals in the New Orleans area.

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PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Part V. Hospital Services

Subpart 1. Inpatient Hospital Services

Chapter 9. Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals

Subchapter B. Reimbursement Methodology

§969. Supplemental Payments to Children's Specialty

Hospitals in the New Orleans Area

A. Effective for dates of service on or after February 12, 2015, quarterly supplemental payments shall be made for inpatient hospital services rendered in a hospital in the New Orleans area that meets the following qualifying criteria per the as filed cost report ending in state fiscal year 2014:

1. classified by Medicare as a specialty children's hospital;
2. has a least 100 full-time equivalent interns and residents;

3. has least 70 percent Medicaid inpatient days' utilization rate;

4. has at least 25,000 Medicaid inpatient days; and

5. has a distinct part psychiatric unit.

B. Supplemental payments for inpatient hospital services will be paid quarterly up to the hospital specific upper payment limit (the difference between Medicaid inpatient charges and Medicaid inpatient payments). The payments to the qualifying hospital(s) shall not exceed:

1. the annual Medicaid hospital specific inpatient charges per 42 CFR 447.271;

2. the annual aggregate inpatient hospital upper payment limit for the classification of hospitals per 42 CFR 442.272; and

3. the budgeted state fiscal year supplemental payment amount included in the Annual Appropriation Act as allocated to this specific program in the budget spread pursuant to the department's reimbursement methodology.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

(CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments to J. Ruth Kennedy, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030 or by email to MedicaidPolicy@la.gov. Ms. Kennedy is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this Emergency Rule. A copy of this Emergency Rule is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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