



Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

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Member Admissions to Skilled Nursing Facilities

As services provided in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) are short term in nature, a member's eligibility status should not change from Bayou Health to Legacy Medicaid long term care. Health Plans are to notify Medicaid Member Services at least one calendar day prior to admission of a member to an SNF in a long term care facility. This will eliminate member linkages being erroneously changed from Bayou Health Plans to Legacy Medicaid. Notification is not necessary for admissions to skilled nursing facilities which are not based in long term care facilities.

When sending a notice, the following member information should be included:

- Name
- Medicaid ID number
- Skilled Nursing Facility admit date

A second e-mail should be sent to the department prior to or upon the member's discharge from the SNF, whether to home or to a long-term care status in a nursing home. To notify the department of admissions and discharges, contact Hexter Bennett and courtesy copy Nicola Carter.

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When a member linkage is erroneously changed from a Bayou Health Plan to Legacy Medicaid as a result of the Bayou Health Plan's failure to comply with this HPA, the Bayou Health Plan will be responsible for payment of all services rendered during the period encompassed in the Single Case Agreement but will not be eligible to receive the PMPM payments for that period.