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LDH Clarification Regarding Room and Board Recoupments

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is issuing this clarification regarding managed care organization (MCO) recoupment of claims involving room and board costs for dates of service on or after October 1, 2025, following issuance of [Informational Bulletin \(IB\) 25-31](#).

IB 25-31 did not establish a new Medicaid policy or coverage limitation. Under existing federal and state Medicaid requirements, room and board is not a covered Medicaid service.

To the extent an MCO previously reimbursed room and board costs for dates of service on or after October 1, 2025, such payments were made pursuant to the MCO's own payment practices and not due to any change in LDH policy. Accordingly, MCOs shall not use IB 25-31 as the basis for recoupment of previously paid claims.

MCOs shall immediately discontinue recoupment activity related solely to the clarification provided in IB 25-31 and shall restore payment to providers for any recoupments already completed for dates of service on or after October 1, 2025, that were based solely on the bulletin.

Absent fraud, duplicate payment, billing error, or other independently valid grounds for recovery, previously paid claims shall not be subject to recoupment on the basis of IB 25-31.

MCOs remain responsible for ensuring prospective compliance with all applicable Medicaid coverage requirements and LDH guidance regarding room and board costs.