



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2020

TO: Long-Term Care Providers

FROM: Louisiana Medicaid

SUBJECT: Incorrect PLI Adjustments During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, some Louisiana Medicaid long term care or waiver recipients will receive an additional \$600 in weekly unemployment benefits and/or a stimulus check up to \$1,200 for individuals, and \$2,400 for a married couple plus \$500 for children 17 and under due to the CARES Act.

If a Louisiana Medicaid long term care or waiver recipient receives either of these benefits, long term care providers should not use the CARES Act Economic Impact (“Stimulus”) payments in the post-eligibility patient liability calculations for Medicaid residents because it is not considered income.

Section 6428(a) of the CARES Act deems these payments refundable credits, which makes them exempt from being counted as income by 26 USC 6409, and they will not be counted as resources for 12 months after receipt.