

# MEDICAID CONTRACT AMENDMENT

## IMMINENT PERIL JUSTIFICATION

*December 29, 2021*

## SUSPENDING AGENTS:

### CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

MCO Emergency Contract Amendment 9 incorporates an addendum to the rate certification for calendar year 2022 to address the addition of the Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option population.

### JUSTIFICATION:

This amendment incorporates actuarially sound capitation rates for the Act 421 Children's Medicaid Option population that will become newly eligible for the Louisiana Medicaid managed care program beginning January 1, 2022.

This program, established as a result of Act 421 of the 2019 Regular Session, is designed to provide Medicaid coverage to children with disabilities who do not qualify for Medicaid based on their family's income. The goal is to help children with disabilities avoid long stays in hospitals, nursing facilities, or intermediate care facilities.

The current contract had previously been amended to include this population, and capitation rates for this population are now finalized. Capitation rates are the mechanism by which the MCOs are paid to provide coverage of critical healthcare services to managed care enrollees. Any delay in the execution of this amendment has the potential to disrupt and jeopardize the provision of medically necessary services to Louisiana's most vulnerable population.

### EFFECTIVE DATE:

January 1, 2022