

MEDICAID CONTRACT AMENDMENT

IMMINENT PERIL JUSTIFICATION

July 5, 2023

SUSPENDING AGENTS:

CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

Dental Benefit Program Management (DBPM) Contract Amendment 8 provides the rate certification for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and revises *Attachment B, Statement of Work*.

JUSTIFICATION:

This amendment establishes actuarially sound capitation rates for the DBPMs for State Fiscal Year 2024. Capitation rates are the mechanism by which the DBPMs are paid to provide coverage of services to more than 1.8 million managed care enrollees. Additionally, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that FMP programs transition to programs compliant with 42 C.F.R. §438.6(c). In a September 17, 2021 letter, CMS provided LDH an extension that requires LDH to complete the transition from the current dental FMP program to an alternative payment methodology by July 1, 2023 in order to maintain a supplemental payment program for dental providers. With the removal of FMP, payment will default to the Louisiana Medicaid fee schedules. Finally, the Medical Loss Ratio provision is being revised to comply with the CMS requirement to align the MLR reporting period with the capitation rate year, in accordance with 42 C.F.R. §438.74.

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:

July 1, 2023