

MEDICAID CONTRACT AMENDMENT

IMMINENT PERIL JUSTIFICATION

February 16, 2022

SUSPENDING AGENTS:

CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

MCO Emergency Contract Amendment 10 establishes reimbursement for the COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Program.

JUSTIFICATION:

This revision establishes a reimbursement methodology for the implementation of a COVID-19 vaccination enrollee incentive program. Louisiana continues to have one of the lowest COVID-19 vaccination rates in the country, and low vaccination rates contribute to disparities in COVID-19 outcomes, including elevated rates of infection, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. Through this program, monetary incentives would be provided to enrollees as a tool to increase uptake of available vaccines.

Time is of the essence to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and slow the spread. 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. Therefore, LDH finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare requires immediate execution of this amendment.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

January 1, 2022