

INTRODUCTION

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B-100 ***MEDICAID PROGRAM***

Title XIX of the Social Security Act, enacted by the Social Security Amendments of 1965, provided for grants to states to implement the Medicaid Program.

B-200 **GOAL OF THE *MEDICAID PROGRAM***

The Medicaid Program was established to meet the following goals for all persons who qualify for Medicaid under the Title XIX State Plan Agreement with the federal government:

- Promote a healthy population.
- Prevent illness and premature death.
- Correct or limit disability.
- Treat illnesses.
- Provide maximum rehabilitation.

B-300 **MEDICAID**

Medicaid is a federal-state entitlement program that provides free or low-cost health coverage to low-income adults, children, pregnant women, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

Medicaid is financed jointly from federal and state funds.

B-400 **100% STATE-FUNDED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

The state provides payment from all state funds for medical assistance to certain beneficiaries who are ineligible for Medicaid. The same services are covered as those covered for Medicaid beneficiaries.

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B-500 SINGLE STATE AGENCY

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is the single state agency under the Louisiana State Plan for administration of medical benefits.

State laws governing the Medicaid Program are in Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

B-600 *RESERVED***B-700 MEDICAL CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

LDH has a Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC), which is mandated by Title XIX regulations. The MCAC consists of 25 persons and includes state legislators, physicians and other representatives of the health professions, members of consumer groups, including Title XIX beneficiaries and consumer organizations, and the Secretary of LDH or a designee of the Secretary.