

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

**Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment  
School-Based Nursing Services  
(LAC 50:XV.9501)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends LAC 50:XV.9501 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing promulgated a Rule which adopted provisions to establish reimbursement and coverage for school-based nursing services rendered to all children enrolled in Louisiana schools (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 39, Number 10).

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently issued guidance which removed the requirement that school-based nursing services be included on the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to be reimbursed by Medicaid. As a result of the CMS guidance, the department now proposes to amend the provisions governing school-based nursing services covered in the EPSDT Program to

remove the IEP requirement. This action is being taken to avoid CMS sanctions, promote the health and welfare of Medicaid eligible recipients, and to assure a more efficient and effective delivery of health care services. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will be cost neutral to the department for state fiscal year 2015-2016.

Effective July 1, 2015, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing Medicaid coverage of school-based nursing services covered under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program.

**Title 50**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**  
**Part XV. Services for Special Populations**  
**Subpart 5. Early and Periodic Screening,**  
**Diagnosis, and Treatment**

**Chapter 95. School-Based Nursing Services**

**§9501. General Provisions**

A. - B. ...

C. School-based nursing services shall be covered for all recipients in the school system ~~and not limited to those with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).~~

D. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health

and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 39:2760 (October 2013), amended LR: 41

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments to J. Ruth Kennedy, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030 or by email to MedicaidPolicy@la.gov. She is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this Emergency Rule. A copy of this Emergency Rule is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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