

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing and
Office of Aging and Adult Services**

**Personal Care Services - Long-Term
Standards for Participation
Electronic Visit Verification
(LAC 50:XV.12909)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services amend LAC 50:XV.12909 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 and the Office of Aging and Adult Services, through collaborative efforts, provide enhanced long-term personal care services and supports to individuals with functional impairments.

The department now proposes to amend the provisions governing long-term personal care services (LT-PCS) in order to adopt requirements which mandate that LT-PCS providers must utilize the electronic visit verification (EVV) system

designated by the department for automated scheduling, time and attendance tracking, and billing for long-term personal care services.

This action is being taken to promote the health and welfare of persons with a functional impairment by assuring that they receive the services they need, and to ensure that these services are rendered in an efficient and cost-effective manner. It is estimated that the implementation of this Emergency Rule will reduce expenditures in the Medicaid Program by approximately \$655,561 for state fiscal year 2014-2015.

Effective April 1, 2015, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services amend the provisions governing long-term personal care services to establish requirements for the use of an EVV system.

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E. Electronic Visit Verification. Effective for dates of service on or after April, 1, 2015, providers of long-term

personal care services shall use the electronic visit verification (EVV) system designated by the department for automated scheduling, time and attendance tracking, and billing for certain home and community-based services.

1. Reimbursement shall only be made to providers with documented use of the EVV system.

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, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 29:912 (June 2003), amended LR 30:2832 (December 2004), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Aging and Adult Services, LR 34:2579 (December 2008), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services, LR 35:2451 (November 2009), LR 39:2508 (September 2013), 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. Ms. Kennedy 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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