

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

### **Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing**

#### **Ambulatory Surgical Centers (LAC 50:XI.Chapter 75)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing repeals LAC 50:XI.Chapter 75 and the April 20, 1977 Rule governing ambulatory surgical center services in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, and as directed by Act 3 of the 2017 Second Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature which states: "The secretary is directed to utilize various cost containment measures to ensure expenditures remain at the level appropriated in this Schedule, including but not limited to precertification, preadmission screening, diversion, fraud control, utilization review and management, prior authorization, service limitations, drug therapy management, disease management, cost sharing, and other measures as permitted under federal law." 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, Bureau of Health Services Financing currently provides Medicaid reimbursement for

medically necessary preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative or palliative outpatient services rendered in ambulatory surgical centers. In anticipation of a budgetary shortfall in state fiscal year (SFY) 2018-2019, the department has determined that it is necessary to promulgate an Emergency Rule to terminate Medicaid reimbursement for ambulatory surgical center services. This Emergency Rule will also repeal the provisions of the April 20, 1977 Rule governing ambulatory surgical center services.

This action is being taken to avoid a budget deficit in the Medical Assistance Program. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will reduce expenditures in the Medicaid Program by approximately \$15,641,124 for state fiscal year 2018-2019.

Effective July 1, 2018, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing repeals all of the provisions governing Medicaid reimbursement for ambulatory surgical center services.

## **Title 50**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **Part XI. Clinic Services**

#### **Subpart 11. Ambulatory Surgical Centers**

#### **Chapter 75. Reimbursement**

#### **§7501. General Provisions**

Repealed.

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 35:1888  
(September 2009), amended LR 38:1961 (August 2012), repealed by  
the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing,  
LR 44:

**§7503. Reimbursement Methodology**

Repealed.

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 35:1889  
(September 2009), amended LR 36:2278 (October 2010), LR 37:1572  
(June 2011), LR 39:317 (February 2013), repealed by the  
Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR  
44:

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 Jen  
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Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030 or by email to [MedicaidPolicy@la.gov](mailto:MedicaidPolicy@la.gov).  
Ms. Steele 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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