

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing  
and  
Office of Behavioral Health**

**Behavioral Health Services  
Elimination of Outpatient Substance Use Disorders Services  
(LAC 50:XXXIII.14101, 14303 and 14501)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health amend LAC 50:XXXIII.14101, §§14303 and 14501 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254, 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.

As a result of a budgetary shortfall in state fiscal year 2018-2019, the department has determined that it is necessary to

promulgate an Emergency Rule to amend the provisions governing substance use disorders (SUD) services in order to eliminate outpatient treatment services for adults. This action is being taken to avoid a budget deficit in the medical assistance programs. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will reduce expenditures in the Medicaid Program by approximately \$46,912,253 for state fiscal year 2018-2019.

Effective July 1, 2018, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing SUD services to eliminate outpatient treatment services for adults.

## **Title 50**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE Part XXXIII. Behavioral Health Services Subpart 15. Substance Use Disorders Services**

#### **Chapter 141. General Provisions**

##### **§14101. Introduction**

A. The Medicaid Program hereby adopts provisions to provide coverage under the Medicaid state plan for substance use disorders (SUD) services rendered to children and adults. These services shall be administered under the authority of the Department of Health ~~and Hospitals~~, in collaboration with managed care organizations (MCOs) and the coordinated system of care (CSoC) contractor, which shall be responsible for the necessary operational and administrative functions to ensure adequate service coordination and delivery. The CSoC contractor

shall only manage specialized behavioral health services for children/youth enrolled in the CSoC program.

B. ...

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 38:426 (February 2012), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 41:2357 (November 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 44:

**Chapter 143. Services**

**§14303. Covered Services**

A. The following SUD services shall be reimbursed under the Medicaid Program:

1. ...
2. outpatient treatment for children only; and
3. ...

B. Service Exclusions. The following services/components shall be excluded from Medicaid reimbursement:

1. - 3. ...
4. services rendered in an institute for mental disease, unless provided under federal regulations as an

"allowed in lieu of" service, or a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) approved waiver; and

5. ...

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**Chapter 145. Provider Participation**

**§14501. Provider Responsibilities**

A. - C. ...

D. Anyone providing SUD services must be ~~certified by the department, or its designee~~licensed in accordance with state laws and regulations, in addition to operating within their scope of practice license. ~~To be certified or recertified,~~ Providers shall meet the provisions of this Rule, the provider manual and the appropriate statutes.

E. - F.6. ...

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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 Steele, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030 or by email to 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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