

**Rule**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for outpatient hospitals services to increase the reimbursement rate paid to private (non-state) acute hospitals for cost-based outpatient services by 3.85 percent of the rate on file for July 31, 2006. Final reimbursement shall be 86.2 percent of allowable cost through the cost report settlement process. This change does not include the fee schedule amounts for outpatient laboratory services, outpatient rehabilitation services, outpatient surgery and outpatient clinic (facility fees).

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule shall be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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**RULE**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of the Secretary  
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

**Outpatient Hospital Services—Private Hospitals  
Reimbursement Rate Increase**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing promulgates the following Rule in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Rule is promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.