

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

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

**Inpatient Hospital Services  
Reimbursement Methodology  
Outlier Pool Rate Increase  
(LAC 50:V.954)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:V.954 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

House Concurrent Resolution 5 (HCR 5) of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature directed the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing to set the catastrophic outlier pool aggregate payment amount in Medical Assistance Program to be no less than fifty percent of the amount of the total hospital outlier claims submitted with dates of service in state fiscal year 2017-2018. In order to comply with the requirements of HCR 5, the department promulgated an Emergency Rule which amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services to increase outlier pool payments (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 45, Number 7). This proposed Rule is being promulgated in order to continue the provisions of the July 1, 2019 Emergency Rule.

**Title 50**

**PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
Part V. Hospital Services  
Subpart 1. Inpatient Hospital Services**

**Chapter 9. Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals**

**Subchapter B. Reimbursement Methodology**

**§954. Outlier Payments**

A. - I.2. ...

J. Effective on or after July 1, 2019, the outlier pool for admissions during SFY 2019 and subsequent state fiscal years shall cover eligible claims and shall not exceed \$21,092,179 annually. Payment shall be the costs of each hospital's eligible claims less the prospective payment, divided by the sum of all eligible claims costs in excess of payments, multiplied by \$21,092,179.

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 36:519 (March 2010), amended LR 39:3096 (November 2013), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 45:

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.

In compliance with Act 854 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the poverty impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973.

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the provider impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, but may reduce the total direct and indirect cost to the provider to provide the same level of service, and may enhance the provider's ability to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170 since this proposed Rule increases payments to providers for the same services they already render.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Jen Steele, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. Ms. Steele is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The

deadline for submitting written comments is at 4:30 p.m. on September 29, 2019.

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing by U.S. mail to the Office of the Secretary ATTN: LDH Rulemaking Coordinator, Post Office Box 629, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 9, 2019. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:953(A)(2)(a) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on September 26, 2019 in Room 118 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after September 9, 2019. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the event of a hearing, parking is available to the public in the Galvez Parking Garage which is located between North Sixth and North Fifth/North and Main Streets (cater-corner from the Bienville Building). Validated parking for the Galvez Garage may be available to public hearing attendees when the parking ticket is presented to LDH staff at the hearing.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Rule Title: Inpatient Hospital Services  
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Date Rule Takes Effect: July 1, 2019

SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. The following summary statements, based on the attached worksheets, will be published in the Louisiana Register with the proposed agency rule.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (SUMMARY)

*It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed rule will result in estimated state programmatic costs of approximately \$3,727,242 for FY 19-20, \$3,726,972 for FY 20-21 and \$3,726,972 for FY 21-22. It is anticipated that \$540 (\$270 SGF and \$270 FED) will be expended in FY 19-20 for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule. The numbers reflected above are based on a blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate of 66.40 percent in FYs 19-20, 20-21 and 21-22.*

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

*It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed rule will increase statutory dedicated revenue collections by approximately \$3,726,972 for FY 19-20, \$3,726,972 for FY 20-21 and \$3,726,972 for FY 21-22. In addition, it is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed Rule will increase federal revenue collections by approximately \$7,365,477 for FY 19-20, \$7,365,207 for FY 20-21 and \$7,365,207 for FY 21-22. It is anticipated that \$270 will be collected in FY 19-20 for the federal share of the expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule. The numbers reflected above are based on a blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate of 66.40 percent in FYs 19-20, 20-21 and 21-22.*

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

*This proposed Rule continues the provisions of the July 1, 2019 Emergency Rule which, in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution 5 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services to increase outlier pool payments. Inpatient hospital providers will benefit from implementation of this proposed Rule as it increases outlier pool payments to hospitals. It is anticipated that implementation of this Rule will increase Medicaid programmatic expenditures by approximately \$11,092,719 for FY 19-20 \$11,092,179 for FY 20-21 and \$11,092,179 for FY 21-22.*

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

*This rule has no known effect on competition and employment.*

  
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Signature of Agency Head  
or Designee

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Legislative Fiscal Officer  
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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberations on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

*This proposed Rule continues the provisions of the July 1, 2019 Emergency Rule which, in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution 5 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services to increase outlier pool payments.*

- B. Summarize the circumstances that require this action. If the action is required by federal regulations, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

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- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

*It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed rule will result in an increase in Medicaid programmatic expenditures by approximately \$11,092,719 for FY 19-20, \$11,092,179 for FY 20-21 and \$11,092,179 for FY 21-22. It is anticipated that \$540 will be expended in FY 19-20 for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.*

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

- (a) ☐ If yes, attach documentation.  
(b) ☒ If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time.

*House Concurrent Resolution 5 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature directed the Department of Health to increase the amount in the outlier pool.*



FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
WORKSHEET

I. A. COST OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase or (decrease) in cost to implement the proposed action?

COST	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22
PERSONAL SERVICES			
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$540	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
OTHER CHARGES	\$11,092,179	\$11,092,179	\$11,092,179
REPAIR & CONSTR.			
POSITIONS (#)			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,092,719</b>	<b>\$11,092,179</b>	<b>\$11,092,179</b>

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A.1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

*The expenses reflected above are the estimated increases in expenditures in the Medicaid Program. In FY 19-20, \$540 is included for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.*

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

Source	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$270		
SELF-GENERATED			
FEDERAL FUND	\$7,365,477	\$7,365,207	\$7,365,207
OTHER (Specify)	\$3,726,972	\$3,726,972	\$3,726,972
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,092,719</b>	<b>\$11,092,179</b>	<b>\$11,092,179</b>

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

*Yes, sufficient funds are available to implement this rule.*

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THIS PROPOSED ACTION.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustment in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

*This proposed rule has no known impact on local governmental units.*



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2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit that will be affected by these costs or savings.

*There is no known impact on the sources of local governmental unit funding.*

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

- A. What increase or (decrease) in revenues can be expected from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22
STATE GENERAL FUND			
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED			
RESTRICTED FUNDS*	\$3,726,972	\$3,726,972	\$3,726,972
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$7,365,477	\$7,365,207	\$7,365,207
LOCAL FUNDS			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,092,449</b>	<b>\$11,092,179</b>	<b>\$11,092,179</b>

***\*Specify the particular fund being impacted***

- B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenue shown in "A". Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

*The amounts reflected above are the estimated increases in statutory dedicated revenue collections and federal revenue collections. In FY 19-20, \$270 will be collected for the federal share of the administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.*

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effects on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.)

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- B. Also, provide an estimate of any revenue impact resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

*Inpatient hospital providers will benefit from implementation of this proposed Rule as it increases outlier pool payments to hospitals. It is anticipated that implementation of this Rule will increase Medicaid programmatic expenditures by approximately \$11,092,719 for FY 19-20 \$11,092,179 for FY 20-21 and \$11,092,179 for FY 21-22.*

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

*This rule has no known effect on competition and employment.*