

NOTICE OF INTENT

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

**Hospice Services
Pediatric Concurrent Care
(LAC 50:XV.3503 and 4315)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:XV.3503 and adopt §4315 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.

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend the provisions governing hospice services provided concurrently with life-prolonging treatments to individuals under age 21 in order to update existing terminology and reflect current practices, comply with federal requirements which allow for pediatric concurrent care, and promulgate these provisions clearly and accurately in the *Louisiana Administrative Code*.

**Title 50
PUBLIC HEALTH - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Part XV. Services for Special Populations
Subpart 3. Hospice**

Chapter 35. Recipient Eligibility

§3503. Waiver of Payment for Other Services

A. Hospice providers must provide services to beneficiaries that are comparable to the Medicaid-covered

services that could have been received prior to the election of hospice. This requirement refers to all Medicaid-covered services including, but not limited to, durable medical equipment, prescription drugs, and physician-administered drugs.

1. - 4. Repealed.

B. Beneficiaries who are age 21 and over may be eligible for additional personal care services as defined in the Medicaid State Plan. Services furnished under the personal care services benefit may be used to the extent that the hospice provider would otherwise need the services of the hospice beneficiary's family in implementing the plan of care.

1. - 3. Repealed.

C. Beneficiaries under age 21 who are approved for hospice may continue to receive life-prolonging treatments. Life-prolonging treatments are defined as Medicaid-covered services provided to a beneficiary with the purpose of treating, modifying, or curing a medical condition to allow the beneficiary to live as long as possible, even if that medical condition is also the hospice qualifying diagnosis. The hospice provider and other providers must coordinate life-prolonging treatments and these should be incorporated into the plan of care.

D. Beneficiaries under the age of 21 who are approved for hospice may also receive early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment personal care, extended home health,

and pediatric day health care services concurrently. The hospice provider and the other service providers must coordinate services and develop the patient's plan of care as set forth in §3705.

E. For beneficiaries under the age of 21, the hospice provider is responsible for making a daily visit, unless specifically declined by the beneficiary or family, to coordinate care and ensure that there is no duplication of services. The daily visit is not required if the beneficiary is not in the home due to hospitalization or inpatient respite or inpatient hospice stays.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 28:1467 (June 2002), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:129 (January 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 46:

Chapter 43. Reimbursement

§4315. Life-Prolonging Treatments for Beneficiaries under the Age of 21

A. Reimbursement for life-prolonging treatments is separate from hospice payments and is made to the providers furnishing the services.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health, LR 46:

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.

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of this proposed Rule on the family has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on family stability and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972, but may improve family functioning by providing support for health supervision and relieving undue stress over life-prolonging care for children certified for hospice care.

Poverty Impact Statement

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 a positive impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973 by ensuring that recommended and

approved life-prolonging care will be provided separately from hospice services.

Small Business Analysis

In compliance with Act 820 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the economic impact of this proposed Rule on small businesses has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on small businesses, as described in R.S. 49:965.2 et seq.

Provider Impact Statement

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, and will have no impact on the provider's ability to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Ruth Johnson, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. Ms. Johnson 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, 2020.

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, 2020. 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 24, 2020 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, 2020. 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.

Dr. Courtney N. Phillips

Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

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 STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND 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 implementation of this proposed rule will have no programmatic fiscal impact to the state other than the cost of promulgation for FY 20-21. It is anticipated that \$648 (\$324 SGF and \$324 FED) will be expended in FY 20-21 for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

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

It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed rule will have no effect on revenue collections other than the federal share of the promulgation costs for FY 20-21. It is anticipated that \$324 will be collected in FY 20-21 for the federal share of the expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

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

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend the provisions governing hospice services provided concurrently with life-prolonging treatments to individuals under age 21 in order to update existing terminology and reflect current practices, comply with federal requirements which allows for pediatric concurrent care, and promulgate these provisions clearly and accurately in the *Louisiana Administrative Code* (LAC). Implementation of this proposed Rule will be beneficial to recipients because it clarifies the existing LAC provisions regarding life-prolonging care children can receive concurrently with hospice services. This proposed Rule will have no impact on small businesses. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not result in costs to hospice providers in FY 20-21, FY 21-22 and FY 22-23, but will be beneficial by reassuring providers that current practices are supported and in compliance with federal law.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

This rule has no known effect on competition and employment.



Signature of Agency Head or Designee

Ruth Johnson, Medicaid Executive Director
Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee
8/6/20

Date of Signature



Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

8/17/20

Date of Signature

**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 deliberation 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).

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- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, 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.

No. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will have no programmatic fiscal impact to the state other than the cost of promulgation for FY 20-21. In FY 20-21, \$648 is included 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) _____ Yes. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET**

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

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

COSTS	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
Personal Services	\$648	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses			
Professional Services			
Other Charges			
Equipment			
Major Repairs & Constr.			
TOTAL	\$648	\$0	\$0

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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.

In FY 20-21, \$648 will be spent 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 21	FY 22	FY 23
State General Fund	\$324	\$0	\$0
Agency Self-Generated			
Dedicated			
Federal Funds	\$324	\$0	\$0
Other (Specify)			
TOTAL	\$648	\$0	\$0

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 THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments 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.

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

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

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET**

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

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

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
State General Fund			
Agency Self-Generated			
Dedicated Funds*			
Federal Funds	\$324	\$0	\$0
Local Funds			
TOTAL	\$324	\$0	\$0

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

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

In FY 20-21, \$324 will be collected for the federal share of the administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

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III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

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

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- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

This proposed Rule will have no impact on small businesses. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not result in costs to hospice providers in FY 20-21, FY 21-22 and FY 22-23, but will be beneficial by reassuring providers that current practices are supported and in compliance with federal law.

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.