

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

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

**Dental Benefits Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan  
(LAC 50:I.2101 and 2105)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:I.2101 and §2105 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.

Act 366 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature directed the Department of Health to provide comprehensive coverage in the Medical Assistance Program for dental care for Medicaid beneficiaries age 21 or older who reside in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID). In compliance with Act 366, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend the provisions governing the dental benefits prepaid ambulatory health plan in order to allow Medicaid beneficiaries age 21 or older who reside in ICFs/IID to receive dental services administered by a dental benefits plan manager.

**Title 50**

**PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**Part I. Administration**

**Subpart 3. Managed Care for Physical and Behavioral Health**

**Chapter 21. Dental Benefits Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan**

**§2101. General Provisions**

A. ...

B. All Medicaid beneficiaries will receive dental services administered by a dental benefit plan manager (DBPM).

1. The number of DBPMs shall be no more than required to meet the Medicaid enrollee capacity requirements and ensure choice for Medicaid beneficiaries.

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 40:784 (April 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 46:1227 (September 2020), LR 49:

**§2105. Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan Responsibilities**

A. - A.5. ...

B. The department will contract with an enrollment broker who will be responsible for the enrollment and disenrollment process for DBPM participants. The enrollment broker shall be:

1. the primary contact for beneficiaries regarding the DBPM enrollment and disenrollment process, and shall assist the beneficiary to enroll in a DBPM;

2. the only authorized entity, other than the department, to assist a beneficiary in the selection of a DBPM; and

B.3. - N. ...

O. A DBPM shall be responsible for conducting routine provider monitoring to ensure:

1. continued access to dental care for eligible Medicaid beneficiaries; and

2. compliance with departmental and contract requirements.

P. - U.2. ...

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 40:784 (April 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 46:1228 (September 2020), LR 49:

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 a positive impact on family functioning, stability and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972, since it assures access to Medicaid covered dental services for adult beneficiaries residing in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

**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, as it assures access to Medicaid covered dental services for adult beneficiaries residing in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

**Small Business Analysis**

In compliance with the Small Business Protection Act, 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.

**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, no direct or indirect cost to the provider 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 Tara A. LeBlanc, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. Ms. LeBlanc is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The deadline for submitting written comments is at 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2023.

#### **Public Hearing**

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 February 9, 2023. 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 February 28, 2023 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 February 9, 2023. 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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Address: P.O. Box 91030 Rule  
Title: Dental Benefits Prepaid Ambulatory  
Baton Rouge, LA Health Plan

Date Rule  
Takes Effect: April 20, 2023

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 22-23. It is anticipated that \$648 (\$324 SGF and \$324 FED) will be expended in FY 22-23 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 22-23. It is anticipated that \$324 will be collected in FY 22-23 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)

This proposed rule amends the provisions governing the dental benefits prepaid ambulatory health plan in order to allow Medicaid beneficiaries age 21 or older who reside in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) to receive dental services administered by a dental benefits plan manager (DBPM), in compliance with Act 366 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. This proposed rule will allow adult Medicaid beneficiaries who are residents of ICFs/IID to receive dental services through a DBPM instead of fee-for-service Medicaid. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not result in costs or benefits to providers of dental services in FY 22-23, FY 23-24, and FY 24-25.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

This rule has no known effect on competition and employment.

Tara A. LeBlanc  
Signature of Agency Head or Designee

Adam M. Boudreau  
Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

Tara A. LeBlanc, Medicaid Executive Director  
Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

01/05/2023  
Date of Signature

1/9/23  
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).

This proposed rule amends the provisions governing the dental benefits prepaid ambulatory health plan in order to allow Medicaid beneficiaries age 21 or older who reside in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) to receive dental services administered by a dental benefits plan manager (DBPM), in compliance with Act 366 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

- 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 22-23. In FY 22-23, \$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?

| <b>COSTS</b>            | <b>FY 23</b> | <b>FY 24</b> | <b>FY 25</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Personal Services       |              |              |              |
| Operating Expenses      | \$648        | \$0          | \$0          |
| Professional Services   |              |              |              |
| Other Charges           |              |              |              |
| Equipment               |              |              |              |
| Major Repairs & Constr. |              |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$648</b> | <b>\$0</b>   | <b>\$0</b>   |
| <b>POSITIONS (#)</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.

In FY 22-23, \$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.

| <b>SOURCE</b>         | <b>FY 23</b> | <b>FY 24</b> | <b>FY 25</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| State General Fund    | \$324        | \$0          | \$0          |
| Agency Self-Generated |              |              |              |
| Dedicated             |              |              |              |
| Federal Funds         | \$324        | \$0          | \$0          |
| Other (Specify)       |              |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>\$648</b> | <b>\$0</b>   | <b>\$0</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 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 government 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.

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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 23        | FY 24      | FY 25      |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| State General Fund        |              |            |            |
| Agency Self-Generated     |              |            |            |
| Dedicated Funds*          |              |            |            |
| Federal Funds             | \$324        | \$0        | \$0        |
| Local Funds               |              |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>\$324</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

\*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 22-23, \$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.

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not result in costs or benefits to providers of dental services in FY 22-23, FY 23-24, and FY 24-25.

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.