

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

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

**Rural Health Clinics  
Reimbursement Methodology  
Mammography Separate Payments  
(LAC 50:XI.16703)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:XI.16703 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 promulgated a Rule which amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for rural health clinics (RHCs) to allow the reimbursement of a separate payment outside of the prospective payment system rate for mammography screening and diagnosis services (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 44, Number 12). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) disapproved the corresponding State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted for this Rule. The department now proposes to amend the reimbursement methodology for RHCs in order to repeal the provisions of the December 20, 2018 Rule due to the CMS-disapproved SPA.

**Title 50**

**PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**  
**Part XI. Clinic Services**  
**Subpart 15. Rural Health Clinics**

**Chapter 167. Reimbursement Methodology**

**§16703. Alternate Payment Methodology**

A. - C. ...

D. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, RHCs shall be reimbursed a separate payment outside of the prospective payment system (PPS) rate for long acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs).

1. Reimbursement for LARCs shall be at the lesser of, the rate on file or the actual acquisition cost for entities participating in the 340B program. Rural health clinics eligible for 340B pricing must bill Medicaid at their 340B actual acquisition cost for reimbursement.

1.a. - 2.a. Repealed.

E. - G. ...

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, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 34:1036 (June 2008), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 44:1903 (October 2018), LR 44:2168 (December 2018), LR 45:435 (March 2019), amended LR 46:

**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 effect on family functioning, stability and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

**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 no impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973.

**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, 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 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 December 30, 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 December 10, 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 December 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 December 10, 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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Secretary

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Return      P.O. Box 91030      Rule Title: Rural Health Clinics  
Address: Baton Rouge, LA      Reimbursement Methodology  
Mammography Separate Payments

Date Rule Takes Effect: February 20, 2020

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 implementation of this proposed rule will have no programmatic fiscal impact to the state other than the cost of promulgation for FY 19-20. 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.*

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 19-20. 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.*

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

*Due to the disapproval of the corresponding State Plan amendment (SPA) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), this proposed rule amends the reimbursement methodology for rural health clinics (RHCs) in order to repeal the provisions of the December 20, 2018 Rule which allowed a separate payment outside of the prospective payment system (PPS) rate for mammography screening and diagnosis services. Implementation of this proposed rule is necessary to comply with the CMS directive and will not impact recipients or providers, since the December 2018 Rule provisions were not implemented pending approval of the SPA. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not result in costs to RHCs in FY 19-20, FY 20-21 and FY 21-22, but will be beneficial by ensuring that the reimbursement methodology is accurately promulgated in the Louisiana Administrative Code.*

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

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

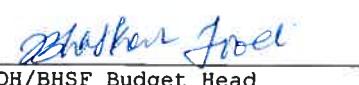
  
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LDH/BHSF Budget Head

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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).

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

*The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing promulgated a Rule which amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for rural health clinics (RHCs) to allow the reimbursement of a separate payment outside of the prospective payment system rate for mammography screening and diagnosis services (Louisiana Register, Volume 44, Number 12). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) disapproved the corresponding State Plan amendment (SPA) submitted for this Rule. The department now proposes to amend the reimbursement methodology for RHCs in order to repeal the provisions of the December 20, 2018 Rule due to the CMS-disapproved SPA.*

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 implementation of this proposed rule will have no programmatic fiscal impact to the state other than the cost of promulgation for FY 19-20. In FY 19-20, \$540 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)  If yes, attach documentation.  
(b)  If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time.

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			
REPAIR & CONSTR.			
POSITIONS (#)			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$540</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</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 19-21, \$540 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 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$270	\$0	\$0
SELF-GENERATED			
FEDERAL FUND	\$270	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$540</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 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*			
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$270	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$270</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</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.

*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.

*Implementation of this proposed rule is necessary to comply with the CMS directive and will not impact recipients or providers, since the December 2018 Rule provisions were not implemented pending approval of the SPA. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not result in costs to RHCs in FY 19-20, FY 20-21 and FY 21-22, but will be beneficial by ensuring that the reimbursement methodology is accurately promulgated in the Louisiana Administrative Code.*

**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.*