

RULE

Department of Health and Human Resources Office of Family Security

The Medical Assistance Program is adopting the following rule effective April 20, 1987. A notice of intent was published in the *Louisiana Register* Vol. 13, No. 2, page 125, dated February 20, 1987.

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Under the agency's definition of Indices utilized to determine per diem rates for providers of long term care services, the term Wage shall be defined as follows:

The average annual hourly wage for production or non-supervisory service workers in SIC Code 80 as furnished by the Dallas Regional Office of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. This figure will be obtained by telephone in May and will be the average annual hourly wage as of December of the prior year. It will be multiplied times 40 hours, times 52 weeks to determine the average annual wage. The adjustment factor derived from the figure will be calculated by dividing the value of the corresponding average annual hourly wage, for December of the year preceding the rate year, by the value of the index one year earlier (December of the second preceding year).

Implementation of this rule is dependent on the approval of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). Disapproval of the change by HCFA will automatically cancel the provisions of this rule and current policy will remain in effect.

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