

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

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

**Inpatient Hospital Services  
Teaching Hospitals  
(LAC 50:V.1301 and §1303)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:V.1301 and §1303 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 inpatient hospital services to clarify the purpose of the affiliated agreement that hospitals must have with an accredited institution for major or minor teaching hospital graduation education training and the options applicable for residency programs in order to align the administrative Rule with the current State Plan Amendment approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**Title 50  
PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
Part V. Hospital Services  
Subpart 1. Inpatient Hospitals Services**

**Chapter 13. Teaching Hospitals**

**Subchapter A. General Provisions**

**§1301. Major Teaching Hospitals**

A. The Louisiana Medical Assistance Program's recognition of a major teaching hospital is limited to facilities having a documented affiliation agreement [for the purpose of providing graduate medical education training](#) with a Louisiana medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). A major teaching hospital shall meet one of the following criteria:

1. - 2. ...

B. For the purposes of recognition as a major teaching hospital, a facility shall be considered a "major participant" in a graduate medical education program if it meets the following criteria. The facility must participate in residency programs that:

1. require residents to rotate for a required experience; [and](#)

2. - 3. ...

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 39:324 (February 2013), amended LR 40:1697 (September 2014), amended by

the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing,  
LR 49:70 (January 2023), LR 50:

**§1303. Minor Teaching Hospitals**

A. The Louisiana Medical Assistance Program's recognition of a minor teaching hospital is limited to facilities having a documented affiliation agreement for the purposes of providing graduate medical education training with a Louisiana medical school accredited by the LCME or by the COCA. A minor teaching hospital shall meet the following criteria:

1. - 2. ...

B. For the purposes of recognition as a minor teaching hospital, a facility is considered to "participate significantly" in a graduate medical education program if it meets the following criteria. The facility must participate in residency programs that:

1. require residents to rotate for a required experience; and

2. - 3.a. ...

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 39:324 (February 2013), amended LR 40:1698 (September 2014), amended LR 40:1698 (September 2014), amended by the Department of Health,

Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:70 (January 2023), LR 50:

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 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 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 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 and 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 Kimberly Sullivan, JD, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. Ms. Sullivan is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The deadline for submitting written comments is at 4:30 p.m. on January 2, 2024.

#### **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 December 11, 2023. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961(B)(1) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on December 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 December 11, 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.

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Secretary