

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

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

**Federally Qualified Health Centers  
(LAC 50:X1.10301, 10303, 10503 and 10701)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:X1.10301, §10303, §10503 and §10701 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 sec.

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, proposes to amend the provisions governing federally qualified health centers to ensure the language reflects current practices and promulgate these provisions clearly and accurately in the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, and to remove procedural language from the administrative Rule.

**Title 50**

**PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**Part XI. Clinic Services**

**Subpart 13. Federally-Qualified Health Centers**

**Chapter 103. Services**

**§10301. Scope of Services**

**[Formerly §10501]**

A. - A.5. ...

B. The department shall provide coverage of diabetes self-management training services rendered to Medicaid beneficiaries diagnosed with diabetes mellitus.

1. Repealed.

C. The department shall provide coverage for fluoride varnish applications performed in the FQHC.

1. - 2.b. Repealed.

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 30:2328 (October 2004), repromulgated LR 30:2487 (November 2004), amended LR 32:1902 (October 2006), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 37:2629 (September 2011), LR 39:3076 (November 2013), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 42:1520 (September 2016), LR 47:

**§10303. Service Limits**

**[Formerly §10503]**

A. There shall be no limits placed on the number of federally qualified health center visits (encounters) payable by the Medicaid program for eligible beneficiaries.

B. - B.1. Repealed.

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## **Chapter 105. Provider Participation**

### **§10503. Standards for Participation**

**[Formerly §10303]**

A. Federally qualified health centers must comply with the applicable licensure, accreditation and program participation standards for all services rendered. If a FQHC wishes to initiate participation, it shall be responsible for

meeting all of the enrollment criteria of the program. The FQHC provider shall:

1. ...

2. retain all records necessary to fully disclose the extent of services provided to beneficiaries for five years from the date of service and furnish such records, and any payments claimed for providing such services, to the Medicaid Program upon request; and

A.3. - B. ...

C. - D.3. Repealed.

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 30:2328 (October 2004), repromulgated LR 30:2488 (November 2004), amended LR 32:1901 (October 2006), amended LR 37:2630 (September 2011), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 44:1253 (July 2018), LR 47:

## **Chapter 107. Reimbursement Methodology**

### **§10701. Prospective Payment System**

A. - B.4. ...

a. Fluoride varnish applications shall only be reimbursed to the FQHC when performed on the same date of service as an office visit or preventive screening. Separate encounters for fluoride varnish services are not permitted and the application of fluoride varnish does not constitute an encounter visit.

C. - G.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, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 32:1902 (October 2006), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 37:2630 (September 2011), LR 39:3076 (November 2013), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 44:1253 (July 2018), LR 47:

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 or 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 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 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 November 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 November 9, 2020. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:953(A)(2)(a) are satisfied, the department will conduct a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. on November 24, 2020 in Room 118 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. All interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. To confirm whether or not a

public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after November 9, 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.

Dr. Courtney N. Phillips

Secretary



**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

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Return Address: <u>P.O. Box 91030</u>	Rule Title: <u>Federally Qualified Health Centers</u>
<u>Baton Rouge, LA</u>	
	Date Rule Takes Effect: <u>January 20, 2021</u>

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 result in no programmatic fiscal impact to the state other than the cost of promulgation for FY 20-21. It is anticipated that \$864 (\$432 SGF and \$432 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 impact to revenue collections other than the federal share of the promulgation costs for FY 20-21. It is anticipated that \$432 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 proposed Rule amends the provisions governing federally qualified health centers in order to ensure the language reflects current practices and promulgate these provisions clearly in the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, and to remove procedural language from the administrative Rule. This rule is anticipated to have no impact on recipients. It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not result in any economic impact to Medicaid providers or small businesses in FY 20-21, 21-22, and 22-23, but will be beneficial in ensuring that the provisions are presented clearly and accurately.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will not have any known effect on competition and employment.

  
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Signature of Agency Head or Designee

Ruth Johnson, Medicaid Executive Director  
Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

09/28/2020  
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Date of Signature

  
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Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

9/28/20  
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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).

The proposed Rule amends the provisions governing federally qualified health centers in order to ensure the language reflects current practices and promulgate these provisions clearly in the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, and to remove procedural language from the administrative Rule.

- 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.

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 and is anticipated to have no costs for FY 21-22 and 22-23. In FY 20-21, \$864 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			
Operating Expenses	\$864	\$0	\$0
Professional Services			
Other Charges			
Equipment			
Major Repairs & Constr.			
TOTAL	\$864	\$0	\$0
POSITIONS (#)			

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.

This rule will require \$864 for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and final rule.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
State General Fund	\$432	\$0	\$0
Agency Self-Generated			
Dedicated			
Federal Funds	\$432	\$0	\$0
Other (Specify)			
TOTAL	\$432	\$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	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Self-Generated			
Dedicated Funds*			
Federal Funds	\$432	\$0	\$0
Local Funds			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$432</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 20-21, \$432 will be collected for the federal share of the administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT  
WORKSHEET

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 any economic impact to Medicaid providers or small businesses in FY 20-21, 21-22, and 22-23, but will be beneficial in ensuring that the provisions are presented clearly and accurately.

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.