

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

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

**Inpatient Hospital Services  
Teaching Classification Qualifications  
(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.

Act 152 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature revised the criteria under which facilities are recognized as major teaching hospitals in the Medical Assistance Program for purposes of the hospital prospective reimbursement methodology and temporary licensure of international medical graduates to include documented affiliation with the Commission of Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

In compliance with the requirements of Act 152, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend the provisions governing inpatient hospital services in order to expand the qualifications for classification as a teaching hospital to include facilities that

have documented affiliation agreements with Louisiana medical schools accredited by COCA.

**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 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. maintain at least 20 intern and resident un-weighted full-time equivalent positions, with an approved medical residency program in family practice located more than 150 miles from the medical school accredited by the LCME or the COCA. For purposes of this Rule, full-time equivalent positions will be calculated as defined in 42 CFR 413.78.

B. - B.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:

**§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 with a Louisiana medical school accredited by the LCME or by the COCA. A minor teaching hospital shall meet the following criteria:

A.1. - B.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 by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, 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 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, 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 November 29, 2022.

#### **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 November 9, 2022. 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 November 29, 2022 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 November 9, 2022. 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: P.O. Box 91030 Rule Title: Inpatient Hospital Services  
Baton Rouge, LA Teaching Classification Qualifications  
Date Rule Takes Effect: January 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 may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures for FY 22-23, FY 23-24, and FY 24-25. It is anticipated that \$648 (\$324 SFG and \$324 FED) will be expended in FY 22-23 for the state's administrative expenses for promulgation of this proposed rule.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule may result in an indeterminable increase in federal revenue collections for FY 22-23, FY 23-24, and FY 24-25. 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)

In compliance with Act 152 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, this proposed rule amends the provisions governing inpatient hospital services in order to expand the qualifications for classification as a teaching hospital in the Medical Assistance Program to include facilities that have documented affiliation agreements with Louisiana medical schools accredited by the Commission of Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). There is no way to know how many, if any, additional facilities would qualify for major or minor teaching hospital status as a result of this proposed rule. To the extent that a facility would qualify, it could result in an additional, but indeterminable increase in expenditures for inpatient hospital services for FY 22-23, FY 23-24, and FY 24-25.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

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

*Tara A. LeBlanc*

Signature of Agency Head or Designee

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

October 7, 2022  
Date of Signature

*Alan M. Boudry*

Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

10/7/22  
Date of Signature