

**PUBLIC PROCESS NOTICE**

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

**Inpatient Hospital Services  
Reimbursement Methodology  
Outlier Pool Rate Increase  
(LAC 50:V.954)**

House Concurrent Resolution 5 (HCR 5) of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature directed the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing to set the catastrophic outlier pool aggregate payment amount in Medical Assistance Program to be no less than fifty percent of the amount of the total hospital outlier claims submitted with dates of service in state fiscal year 2017-2018.

In order to comply with the requirements of HCR 5, the department proposes to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services to increase outlier pool payments. This action is being taken to promote the health and welfare of Medicaid recipients by ensuring continued access to inpatient hospital services.

Effective July 1, 2019, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing inpatient hospital services reimbursement to increase outlier pool payments.

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.

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 public process notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is July 31, 2019 by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this public process notice is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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