

PUBLIC PROCESS NOTICE

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

**Inpatient Hospital Services
Urban Metropolitan Statistical Area Facility**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopts provisions to establish the criteria for an acute care hospital to qualify as an urban metropolitan statistical area (MSA) facility and the reimbursement methodology for the provision of inpatient services. This action is being taken to promote the health and welfare of Medicaid recipients by ensuring continued provider participation in the Medicaid Program.

Effective July 1, 2022, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to promulgate an Emergency Rule to adopt provisions governing inpatient hospital services provided by urban MSA facilities.

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 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 public process notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is August 1, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this public process notice is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

Dr. Courtney N. Phillips

Secretary