

PUBLIC PROCESS NOTICE

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

**Outpatient Hospital Services
Urban Metropolitan Statistical Area Facility-New Orleans Area**

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-New Orleans area and the reimbursement methodology for the provision of outpatient 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 October 5, 2022, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to promulgate an Emergency Rule to adopt provisions to establish qualifying criteria for an urban MSA facility-New Orleans area and the reimbursement methodology for the provision of outpatient hospital services.

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 November 4, 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