

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments  
Inpatient Psychiatric Services  
Reimbursement Rate Reduction  
(LAC 50:V.959,2709 and 2903)

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends LAC 50:V.959, §2709 and §2903 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services in order to provide supplemental Medicaid payments to non-rural, non-state acute care hospitals that enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the department to provide inpatient psychiatric services (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 39, Number 2). The department amended the provisions governing disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments to non-state distinct part psychiatric units that enter into a cooperative endeavor

agreement with the department's Office of Behavioral Health  
(*Louisiana Register*, Volume 39, Number 3).

As a result of a budgetary shortfall in state fiscal year 2016, the department promulgated an Emergency Rule which amended the provisions governing DSH payments to reduce the payments made to non-rural, non-state acute care hospitals for inpatient psychiatric services (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 41, Number 10). The department determined that it was necessary to amend the provisions of the October 1, 2015 Emergency Rule in order to revise these provisions and to correct the formatting of these provisions to assure that these provisions are promulgated in a clear and concise manner in the *Louisiana Administrative Code* (LAC) (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 42, Number 1). This Emergency Rule is being promulgated to continue the provisions of the January 20, 2016 Emergency Rule. This action is being taken to avoid a budget deficit in the Medical Assistance Program.

Effective January 17, 2017, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing disproportionate share hospital payments to reduce the payments made to non-rural, non-state acute care hospitals for inpatient psychiatric services.

## **TITLE 50**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **Part V. Hospital Services**

##### **Subpart 1. Inpatient Hospital Services**

## **Chapter 9. Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals**

### **Subchapter B. Reimbursement Methodology**

#### **§959. Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Services**

A. - L. ...

M. 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 34:876 (May 2008), amended by the  
Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services  
Financing, LR 35:1895 (September 2009), LR 36:1554 (July 2010),  
LR 36:2562 (November 2010), LR 37:2162 (July 2011), LR 39:94  
(January 2013), LR 39:323 (February 2013), amended by the  
Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR  
42:

#### **Subpart 3. Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments**

## **Chapter 27. Qualifying Hospitals**

#### **§2709. Distinct Part Psychiatric Units**

A. - C. ...

D. 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 34:1627 (August 2008), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 39:505 (March 2013), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 42:

**Chapter 29. Public-Private Partnerships**

**§2903. Reimbursement Methodology**

A. Free-Standing Psychiatric Hospitals. Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, the per diem rate paid to free-standing psychiatric hospitals shall be reduced by 5 percent of the rate in effect on September 30, 2015. The new per diem rate shall be \$552.05 per day.

1. Cost and lengths of stay will be reviewed for reasonableness before payments are made. Payments shall be made on a monthly basis.

2. Aggregate DSH payments for hospitals that receive payment from this category, and any other DSH category, shall not exceed the hospital's specific DSH limit. If payments calculated under this methodology would cause a hospital's aggregate DSH payment to exceed the limit, the payment from this category shall be capped at the hospital's specific DSH limit.

B. - C. 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, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 40:2259  
(November 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of  
Health Services Financing, LR 42:

Interested persons may submit written comments to Jen  
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Ms. Steele is responsible for responding to all inquiries  
regarding this Emergency Rule. A copy of this Emergency Rule is  
available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid  
offices.

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