

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

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

**Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with  
Intellectual Disabilities-Public Facilities  
Transitional Rate Extension  
(LAC 50:VII.32915 and 32969)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends LAC 50:VII.32915 and §32969 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, Bureau of Health Services Financing amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for public intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) in order to extend the period of transitional rates for large facilities that provide continuous nursing coverage to medically fragile populations for an additional year (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 44, Number 1). The department has now determined that it is necessary to extend the period of transitional rates for two additional years. This Emergency Rule also amends the provisions governing ICFs/IID to align the Rule language with the language currently used in the

Medicaid State Plan amendment approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

This action is being taken to protect the public health and welfare of Medicaid recipients transitioning from public ICFs/IID by ensuring continued provider participation in the Medicaid Program. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will have net programmatic savings of \$28,924 for state fiscal year 2018-2019.

Effective October 11, 2018, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for public intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities.

## **Title 50**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **Part VII. Long Term Care**

##### **Subpart 3. Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities**

###### **Chapter 329. Reimbursement Methodology**

###### **Subchapter A. Non-State Facilities**

###### **§32915. Complex Care Reimbursements**

A. Private (non-state) intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) may receive an add-on payment to the per diem rate for providing complex care to Medicaid recipients who require such services.

The add-on rate adjustment shall be a flat fee amount and may consist of payment for any one of the following components:

1. - 7. ...

B. Private (non-state) owned ICFs/IID may qualify for an add-on rate for recipients meeting documented major medical or behavioral complex care criteria. This must be documented on the complex support need screening tool provided by the department. All medical documentation indicated by the screening tool form and any additional documentation requested by the department must be provided to qualify for the add-on payment.

C. - I.3.e. ...

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 42:276 (February 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 44:1447 (August 2018), LR 44:

### **Subchapter C. Public Facilities**

#### **§32969. Transitional Rates for Public Facilities**

A. - B. ...

1. The department may extend the period of transition up to September 30, 2020, if deemed necessary, for an active CEA facility that is:

B.1.a. - G. ...

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 39:326 (February 2013), amended LR 40:2588 (December 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 44:60 (January 2018), LR 44:772 (April 2018), LR 44:

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 or by email to [MedicaidPolicy@la.gov](mailto:MedicaidPolicy@la.gov). Ms. Steele is responsible for responding to 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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