

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**  
**Department of Health and Hospitals**  
**Bureau of Health Services Financing**

**Outpatient Hospital Services**  
**Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals**  
**Supplemental Payments for Monroe Area Hospitals**  
**(LAC 50:V.6903)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopts LAC 50:V.6903 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.

As a result of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' disapproval of the State Plan Amendment for the financing of the transition of the management and operation of certain hospitals from state-owned and operated to private partners, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for outpatient hospital services rendered by non-rural, non-state hospitals in order to adopt a supplemental payment methodology for services provided by

hospitals located in DHH Administrative Region 8 in the Monroe area.

This action is being taken promote the health and welfare of Medicaid recipients by ensuring sufficient provider participation and continued access to outpatient hospital services through the maximization of federal dollars. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will be cost neutral to the Medicaid Program in state fiscal year 2015 since these expenditures are included in the current budget.

Effective February 12, 2015, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopts provisions governing supplemental payments for outpatient hospital services rendered by non-rural, non-state hospitals in the Monroe area.

**Title 50**

**PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**Part V. Hospital Services**

**Subpart 5. Outpatient Hospital Services**

**Chapter 69. Supplemental Payments**

**§6903. Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals in the Monroe Area**

A. Effective for dates of service on or after February 12, 2015, quarterly supplemental payments shall be made for outpatient hospital services rendered by a hospital in the Monroe area that meets the following qualifying criteria:

1. inpatient acute hospital classified as a major teaching hospital;

2. located in DHH Administrative Region 8 (lowest per capita income of any region per the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau records); and

3. per the as filed fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 cost report has:

a. greater than 25 full-time equivalent interns and residents;

b. at least 40 percent Medicaid inpatient days utilization; and

c. a distinct part psychiatric unit.

B. Supplemental payments for outpatient hospital services will be paid quarterly. The payments to the qualifying hospital(s) shall not exceed:

1. the aggregate outpatient hospital upper payment limits for the classification of hospitals pursuant to 42 CFR 447.321; and

2. the budgeted state fiscal year supplemental payment amount included in the Annual Appropriation Act as allocated to this specific program in the budget spread pursuant to the department's reimbursement methodology.

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 41:

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 J. Ruth Kennedy, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030 or by email to MedicaidPolicy@la.gov. Ms. Kennedy 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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