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**PUBLIC NOTICE - - - PUBLIC PROCESS NOTICE** Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Evacuation and Temporary Sheltering Costs The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/ID) to establish reimbursement for complex care services provided to Medicaid recipients residing in non-state ICFs/ID (Louisiana Register, Volume 42, Number 2). The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing now proposes to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for ICFs/ID to establish provisions governing evacuation and temporary sheltering costs incurred during a declared disaster or emergency event to ensure evacuating ICFs/ID continue to receive vendor payments while providing essential care and services to residents at a host site when they are displaced. This action is being taken to avoid imminent peril to the public health, safety or welfare of ICF/ID residents by ensuring continued access to services during declared disasters. Effective October 13, 2016, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to promulgate an Emergency Rule to amend the provisions governing intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities to establish provisions governing evacuation and temporary sheltering costs during a declared disaster or emergency event. 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 all inquiries regarding this public process notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is November 14, 2016, by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this public process notice is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices. Rebekah E. Gee MD, MPH Secretary 118081-oct 12-1t

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