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PUBLIC NOTICE - - - PUBLIC PROCESS NOTICE Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing Nursing Facilities Evacuation and Temporary Sheltering Costs In compliance with the directives of Act 540 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities to provide for the facility-specific reimbursement of documented and allowable evacuation and temporary sheltering costs of Medicaid-certified nursing facilities (Louisiana Register, Volume 38, Number 5). The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing now proposes to amend the provisions of the May 20, 2008 Rule governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities to amend the provisions governing evacuation and temporary sheltering costs in order to ensure that an evacuating nursing facility continues 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 nursing facility 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 the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities to revise the 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. 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 118086-oct 12-1t

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