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NOTICE

Department of Health
Bureau of Health
Services Financing

Inpatient Hospital
Services
Graduate Medical
Education
Supplemental
Payments Pool
Elimination

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services to adopt provisions in order to continue medical education payments to state hospitals, children's specialty hospitals and acute care hospitals classified as teaching hospitals when the hospitals are reimbursed by prepaid risk-bearing MCOs for inpatient hospital services (Louisiana Register, Volume 38, Number 11).

As a result of a budgetary shortfall in SFY 2017, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing now proposes to amend the provisions governing inpatient hospital services to eliminate the total supplemental payments pool for graduate medical education payments to qualifying acute care hospitals. This action is being taken to avoid a budget deficit in the Medical Assistance Program.

Effective March 1, 2017, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to promulgate an Emergency Rule to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services to eliminate the supplemental payments pool for graduate medical education to qualifying acute care hospitals.

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 inquiries regarding this public process notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is March 31, 2017, by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this public process notice is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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