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PUBLIC PROCESS NOTICE Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing Nursing Facilities Reimbursement Methodology (LAC 50:II.20001) The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing provides reimbursement to nursing facilities, through vendor payments, for services rendered to Medicaid eligible individuals who reside in nursing facilities. As a result of a budgetary shortfall in state fiscal year (SFY) 2017-2018, the department has determined that it is necessary to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities in order to suspend the provisions of LAC 50:II.Chapter 200 and to impose provisions to ensure that the current rates in effect do not increase for the SFY 2018 rating period. This action is being taken to avoid a budget deficit in the Medical Assistance Program. Effective July 1, 2017, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities. 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 notice. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is July 30, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this public notice is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices. Rebekah E. Gee MD, MPH Secretary Monroe, La June 30, 2017 0002238983

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