

**PUBLIC PROCESS NOTICE**

**Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

**Nursing Facilities  
Reimbursement Methodology  
Transition of Private Facilities to State-Owned or  
Operated Facilities Through Change of Ownership**

As a result of a budgetary shortfall in state fiscal year 2018-2019, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing has determined that it is necessary to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities in order to adopt provisions governing the transition of a private nursing facility to a state-owned or operated nursing facility through a change of ownership. This action is being taken to avoid a budget deficit in the Medical Assistance Program.

Effective July 5, 2018, 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.

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 August 3, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. A copy of this Emergency Rule is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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