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LA SPA TN 23-0022

State Plan Amendments

COVID-19 Update: Changes to Medicaid policy and procedure deemed of an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare and requiring immediate approval, *such as those related to COVID-19*, are exempt from the legislative requirement to publish the proposed policy or procedure for public comment prior to implementation. To keep abreast of these exempted changes to policy and procedure related to COVID-19, refer to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Medicaid Information website, which provides guidance to Medicaid providers and managed care organizations, emergency rules, and requests LDH has submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Broader information related to COVID-19 can be found at <http://ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus/>.

Louisiana's Medicaid State Plan is an agreement between the state and the Federal government describing how Louisiana administers its Medicaid and children's health insurance programs (CHIP). State Plan amendments (SPA) are requests from Louisiana to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to make a change to the Louisiana Medicaid program's policies or operational approach, make corrections, or updates to the state plan with new information. For information about current State Plan amendment submissions click [here](#)

Below are SPAs Louisiana will send to CMS for review and approval beginning August 1, 2019. To provide feedback, please complete **this form**.

| Item Number | State Plan Title | Summary of Change | Date Posted | Comment Period Closed | Document Links |
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| SPA-2023-04 | Disaster Relief Extension SPA | The purpose of this SPA is to request an extension of provisions in the Home Health program in order to establish recruitment and retention payments for nurses that provide extended home health (EHH) services to beneficiaries under the age of 21, in accordance with Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act. | 5/9/23 | 5/16/23 | 7.4. B Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for COVID-19 National Emergency |

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| SPA-2023-03 | Disaster Relief Extension SPA | The purpose of this SPA is to extend COVID-19 disaster relief provisions governing direct wage floor and workforce retention bonus payments to long-term personal care providers, in accordance with the State's approved disaster relief SPA LA TN 22-0031. | 5/9/23 | 5/16/23 | 7.4. B Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for COVID-19 National Emergency |
| SPA-2023-02 | LA SPA TN 23-0022 Preventive Services Program | The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing preventive services in order to provide coverage for initiation and facilitation of telehealth services by qualified Louisiana Medicaid enrolled ambulance providers. | 5/3/23 | 5/10/23 | 3.1-A Item 13c, Page 2 4.19-B Item 13c, Page 1 |
| SPA-2023-01 | Disaster Relief Extension SPA | The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), by extending the \$12 add-on for increased cost related to retaining and hiring direct care staff as approved in disaster relief SPA 22-0013, through December 31, 2023. | 5/3/23 | 5/10/23 | 7.4. B Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for COVID-19 National Emergency |
| SPA-2022-08 | Inpatient Hospital Services - Genetic Testing of Critically Ill Infants | The purpose of this SPA is to allow reimbursement, outside of the inpatient hospital per diem, for genetic testing of critically ill infants. | 11/4/22 | 12/4/22 | Attachment 3.1-A, Item 1, Page 46 Attachment 4.19-A, Item 1, Page 15 |

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