

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - IN-PATIENT HOSPITAL CARE

Other Rural Hospitals

To qualify as an other rural, non-state hospital, the hospital shall meet the following criteria:

1. Is a non-state owned hospital;
2. Has no more than sixty licensed beds as of October 1, 2024, excluding distinct part psychiatric unit beds, distinct part rehabilitation unit beds, and nursery bassinets;
3. Does not qualify as a rural hospital as defined in Attachment 4.19-A, Section D.3.b;
4. Is not located within one of Louisiana's metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) as delineated in OMB Bulletin No. 23-01;
5. Has an operational emergency room; and
6. Is located in a municipality with a population of less than 23,000 as measured by the 2020 United States Census Bureau.

Reimbursement Methodology

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2024, the inpatient hospital per diem rates paid to other rural, non-state hospitals shall be as follows:

1. Acute Care Services. The per diem rate for acute care services shall be 85 percent of the small rural hospital acute per diem rate in effect.
2. Psychiatric Services. The per diem rate for psychiatric services shall be 85 percent of the small rural hospital psychiatric per diem rate in effect.
3. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Services. The per diem rate for NICU services shall be 85 percent of the small rural hospital NICU per diem rate in effect.
4. Nursery Boarder Baby Services. The per diem rate for nursery boarder baby services shall be 85 percent of the small rural hospital nursery boarder baby per diem rate in effect.