STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES
METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES -- OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN SECTION 1905(A) OF THE ACT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

CITATION
42 CFR 447.201 and Medical and Remedial Care and Services Section 1902(bb) of the Social Security Act Item 2.b.

Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives
Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, RHCs shall be reimbursed a separate payment outside of the PPS rate, accordingly, for long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). This alternate methodology will include the PPS rate, plus reimbursement for the device.

Reimbursement for LARCs shall be at the lesser of, the rate on file or the actual acquisition cost, for entities participating in the 340B program. RHCs eligible for 340B pricing must bill Medicaid at their 340B actual acquisition cost for reimbursement.

Behavioral Health and Dental Services
Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2019, the Medicaid Program shall establish an alternative payment methodology for behavioral health services provided in RHCs by one of the following practitioners:

1. Physicians with a psychiatric specialty;
2. Nurse practitioners or clinical nurse specialist with a psychiatric specialty;
3. Licensed clinical social workers; or

The reimbursement for behavioral health services will equal the all-inclusive encounter PPS rate on file for fee-for-service on the date of service. This reimbursement will be in addition to any all-inclusive PPS rate on the same date for a medical/dental visit.

Dental services shall be reimbursed at the all-inclusive PPS rate on file for fee-for-service on the date of service. This reimbursement will be in addition to any all-inclusive PPS rate made on the same date for a medical/behavioral health visit.

The Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) will be agreed to by the Department and the RHC, and will result in payment to the RHC of an amount that is at least equal to the Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate.

The reimbursement for adjunct services is a flat fee, based on the adjunct CPT code(s) regardless of practitioner (except for dental), in addition to the reimbursement for the associated office encounter (PPS methodology). The agency's rates were set as of October 21, 2007 and are effective for services on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website (www.lamedicaid.com). The same add-on rate for services delivered between the hours of 5pm and 8am on Monday through Friday, on weekends, and State legal holidays is paid to governmental and non-governmental providers.

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Alternative Payment Methodology for RHCs that are licensed as part of a small rural hospital defined in D.3.b.

Effective for dates of service provided on or after July 1, 2008, RHCs as defined in D.3.b. may elect to be reimbursed under this payment methodology. The RHCs that are licensed as part of a small rural hospital as of July 1, 2007 shall be reimbursed no less than in the aggregate at 110 percent of reasonable costs.

Interim payment for claims shall be the Medicaid PPS per visit rate for each provider. Final reimbursement shall be the greater of the BIPA PPS and the alternative payment methodology of 110 percent of allowable cost as calculated through the cost settlement process.

The payment received under this methodology will be compared each year to the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 Prospective Payment System (BIPA PPS) rate to assure the center that their payment methodology under this alternative payment methodology is at least equal to the BIPA PPS rate. If the payment calculation at 110 percent of allowable cost is less than the BIPA PPS, the center will be paid the difference.

Managed Care Enrollees

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2021, the State establishes an alternative payment methodology (APM) that requires MCOs to pay each RHC, a supplemental payment amount to pay the difference between what would have been paid under PPS and payments the RHC received under the MCO. This APM must be agreed on by the State and each RHC, as authorized under Section 1902(bb)(6) of the Act.

To ensure that the appropriate rates are paid to each RHC, the State will perform a quarterly analysis and payment to ensure that RHCs receive at least the full PPS reimbursement rate and comply with the statutory requirements of the APM. The state will also perform a reconciliation annually to ensure that the MCOs payments are at least PPS.

An RHC that furnishes services that qualify as an encounter to Medicaid beneficiaries pursuant to a contract with a managed care entity, as defined in Section 1932(a)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act, where the payment(s) from such entity is less than the amount the RHC would be entitled to receive under PPS or APM, will be eligible to receive a wrap-around supplemental payment processed and paid by Louisiana Department of Health. The wrap-around supplemental payment shall be made no less frequently than every four months and reconciled no less than annually. Payments related to yearly reconciliations will be made within the two year payment requirements at 42 CFR Section 447.45 and 45 CFR Section 95, Subpart A.

Standards for Payment

To be eligible for reimbursement, a rural health clinic must be located in a rural area and located in a DHEW designated health shortage area (an area having either a shortage of personal health services or a shortage of primary medical care manpower). It must be certified for participation in Medicare, Title XVIII and, therefore, deemed to meet the standards for certification under Louisiana's Medicaid program.

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