



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 27, 2020

TO: ICF/IID Providers

FROM: Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD Assistant Secretary
Andrew Perilloux, Medicaid Rate and Audit

SUBJECT: Leave Policy for ICF/IID

Louisiana Medicaid has requested, and received, approval for an exemption to the 45 home leave day limitation for Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) providers. This exemption allows families to take an individual home for *self-isolation* or *self-quarantine* during the COVID-19 event without penalty to the provider agency or individual supported. ICF/IID Providers should advise families of this exemption, so they can use the exemption if they would like to use it. The Emergency Rule for this exemption was published on 3/26/2020. These rules are posted on the registry website at <https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/osr/emr/emr.aspx>. This exemption will remain in effect during the COVID-19 emergency declaration or until the department ends the exemption period.

The Medicaid contractors are in the process of updating the approval and billing system to bypass the 45 home leave day limit, and to bypass the 30 consecutive day limit. The leave days will still be accumulated on the file so it is extremely important for providers to bill home leave days and not bill as if the person is in the facility. This will ensure that there is not a request for recoupment in the future.

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