



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 29, 2017
TO: Long Term Care Facility Administrators
FROM: Jen Steele
Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Resident Patient Fund Accounts

The Department wants to remind all long-term care facilities that if they accept a fiduciary role for residents in their facilities, they are under a duty to report any change in the resident's circumstances which may impact their eligibility for Medicaid to the Department. In order for an individual to qualify for or remain eligible for Medicaid, the individual must maintain resources of \$2,000 or less.

When the facility accepts a fiduciary role of a resident's personal funds, it is the facility's responsibility to monitor the resident's patient fund account balance. If there is a change in the resident's account balance which could affect their eligibility for Medicaid, the facility shall immediately notify the Department. Failure of the facility to report changes in a resident's circumstances to Medicaid could result in sanctions against the facility.

If you have questions or concerns regarding patient fund accounts, please contact Jan Carrier at Jan.Carrier@la.gov or 985-449-4723.

cc: Medicaid Program Integrity
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