



State of Louisiana

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PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNER HOSPITALS
FQHC AND RHC NOTICE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: All Public Private Partner Hospitals, FQHCs and RHCs

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The State of Louisiana has a longstanding obligation and commitment to assuring that health care services that are important to the health of the citizens of the State and to which they may not otherwise have access, whether such lack of access is due to the financial resources available to the patient, lack of availability of the service through alternative providers in the community, or other reason, are available to the citizens of Louisiana, including the medically indigent, uninsured, and other vulnerable populations. The Department's ultimate goal is improving the overall health of the citizens of Louisiana.

This is to remind all Public Private Partner Hospitals, FQHCs and RHCs of their responsibility to provide healthcare services to the medically indigent, uninsured and other vulnerable populations. We expect that all entities will follow all federal and state guidance on testing and treating indigent, uninsured and vulnerable individual for COVID19. Appropriate coding and tracking of expenditures related to COVID 19 should be followed.

We expect the federal legislation in response to COVID 19 will be passed soon and should address the uninsured population.