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HEALTHCARE FACILITY NOTICE
NURSING FACILITY ADMISSIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: All Licensed Hospitals
                   All Medicaid Certified Nursing Facilities

FROM: Michael Boutte
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RE: Temporary Suspension of 142, LOCET and Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Level I and Level II

DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

This Healthcare Facility Notice will update and supersede the previously issued memo dated August 30, 2021 regarding the Temporary suspension of 142, LOCET and Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Leve I and Level II. This directive is applicable to all licensed hospitals and nursing facilities in Louisiana.

The State of Louisiana, Department of Health ("LDH" or "Department"), is committed to taking critical steps to ensure public health and safety due to the significant impacts of Hurricane Ida. The State of Louisiana, Department of Health, is **DIRECTING** that all licensed hospitals and nursing facilities adhere to the following provisions, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**:

ALL NURSING FACILITY ADMISSIONS:

LDH is temporarily waiving the requirements for the completion of a 142, LOCET, PASRR Level I and/or PASRR Level II for nursing facility admissions until **September 15, 2021.** All nursing facility admissions that take place during this temporary waiver, will need to contact Conduent at 877-456-1146 to complete the LOCET and fax the PASRR Level I to 225-389-8197 or 225-389-8198 by September 15, 2021. If the required documents are not submitted by this date, Medicaid vendor payment will end.

For transfers between nursing facilities, the nursing facility will have until September 15, 2021 to complete the 148 and submit it to Medicaid.

This waiver may be extended past September 15, 2021 at the sole discretion of LDH.

End of Memo.