

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

**Medicaid Eligibility  
Optional Targeted Low-Income Children  
(LAC 50:III.2319 and 10305)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing rescinds the December 28, 2017 Emergency Rule which transitioned children covered in the Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (LaCHIP) into the Optional Targeted Low-Income Children coverage group. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act, or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing promulgated an Emergency Rule which amended the provisions governing LaCHIP in order to terminate coverage of uninsured children under the Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) authority (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 44, Number 1).

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted an Emergency Rule governing Medicaid eligibility to increase the maximum income standard for the Optional Targeted Low-Income Children coverage group up to 250

percent of the federal poverty level, and to incorporate cost sharing provisions, due to the termination of coverage of uninsured children under LaCHIP (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 44, Number 1).

The department subsequently determined it was necessary to rescind the Emergency Rule which terminated coverage of uninsured children under the Title XXI CHIP authority. Therefore, effective immediately, upon adoption of this Emergency Rule, the department rescinds the provisions of the December 28, 2017 Emergency Rule and returns to the provisions in place governing the Optional Targeted Low-Income Children coverage group.

Effective January 27, 2018, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing rescinds the December 28, 2017 Emergency Rule governing the Optional Targeted Low-Income Children coverage group which was published in the January 20, 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

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