

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

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

**Healthcare Services Provider Fees
Emergency Ground Ambulance and Hospital Provider Fees
(LAC 48:I.4001)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends LAC 48:I.4001 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 46:2625. 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.

House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 6 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature enacted an annual hospital stabilization formula and directed the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing to calculate, levy and collect an assessment for each assessed hospital, with the exception of facilities prohibited from participating in the Medicare Program. In addition, Act 272 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature directed the department to increase provider fees for emergency ground ambulance service providers. This Emergency Rule is being promulgated to amend the provisions governing provider fees for emergency ground

ambulance and hospital services providers in order to comply with HCR 6 and Act 272.

This action is being taken to avoid a budget deficit in the Medical Assistance Program. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will increase collections by the department by approximately \$6,146,480 for state fiscal year 2018-2019.

Effective July 1, 2018, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing provider fees for emergency ground ambulance and hospital services providers.

Title 48

PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL PART I. GENERAL Administration Subpart 1. General

Chapter 40. Provider Fees

§4001. Specific Fees

A. - D. ...

E. Emergency Ground Ambulance Services. Effective August 1, 2016, a fee shall be imposed on emergency ground ambulance service providers in accordance with R.S. 46:2626.

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a. the maximum fee allowable in any year shall not exceed ~~3 1/2 percent of the annual net operating revenue of the emergency ground ambulance service~~ the percentage of net

patient service revenues permitted by federal regulation pursuant to 42 CFR 433.68 as determined by the department, as reported by the provider and subject to audit for the previous fiscal year of the provider. The department will arrive at net patient services revenue by using net operating revenue as defined in R.S. 46:2626.

E.4. ...

F. Hospital Services

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5. No licensed facility, which is prohibited from participating in the Medicare Program set forth in 42 U.S.C. 1396, shall be assessed or levied any fee for the hospital stabilization authorized in Article VII, Section 10.13 of the Constitution of Louisiana. This provision is specifically subject to the approval of any waiver required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and approval by the Louisiana Department of Health.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Chapter 45 of Title 46 as enacted in 1992, 46:2601-2605, redesignated as Chapter 47 of Title 46, containing R.S. 46:2621 to 46:2625 and P.L. 102-234.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Management and Finance, LR 19:347 (March 1993), amended LR 20:51 (January 1994), LR 26:1478 (July

2000), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 33:100 (January 2007), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 42:1887, 1888 (November 2016), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:73 (January 2017), repromulgated LR 43:323 (February 2017), amended LR 44:1015 (June 2018), LR 44:

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Jen Steele, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030 or by email to MedicaidPolicy@la.gov. Ms. Steele is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this Emergency Rule. A copy of this Emergency Rule is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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