

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

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

**Professional Services Program
Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Rate for
Preventative Services
(LAC 50:IX.15101)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopts LAC 50:IX.15101 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. 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.

Section 4106(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. No. 111-148), hereafter referred to as the Affordable Care Act (ACA), established a one percentage point increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate applied to Medicaid covered expenditures for specified adult vaccines and clinical preventive services provided on a fee-for-service or managed care basis to states that provide coverage without cost sharing. In compliance with the requirements of the ACA, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing reimbursement for professional services in the Medical Assistance Program in order to establish provisions

governing the enhanced FMAP for the coverage of those specified preventive services.

This action is being taken to secure enhanced federal funding. It is anticipated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will result in a net increase in expenditures in the Medicaid Program by approximately \$4,301, but will reduce state general fund expenditures by approximately \$12,732 for state fiscal year 2017-2018.

Effective May 15, 2017, the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing the reimbursement for professional services.

**Title 50
PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Part IX. Professional Services Program
Subpart 15. Reimbursement**

Chapter 151. Reimbursement Methodology

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§15101. Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Rate for Preventive Services

A. Effective for dates of service on or after May 15, 2017, the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) rate received by the Department for specified adult vaccines and clinical preventive services shall increase one percentage point of the rate on file as of May 14, 2017.

1. Services covered by this increase are those assigned a grade of A or B by the United States Preventive Services Task

Force (USPSTF) and approved vaccines and their administration as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

2. The increased FMAP rate applies to these qualifying services whether the services are provided on a fee-for-service (FFS) or managed care basis.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:

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 all 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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