

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing  
and  
Office of Aging and Adult Services**

**Personal Care Services  
Long Term Care  
(LAC 50:XV.Chapter 129)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services propose to amend LAC 50:XV.Chapter 129 under the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) propose to amend the provisions governing long-term personal care services (LT-PCS) in order to: 1) clarify that instrumental activities of daily living can be provided outside of the participant's home, if approved; 2) remove language regarding relatives that can be direct service workers (DSWs); 3) remove language requiring documentation of place of service in hardcopy service logs; 4) clarify language regarding payment of DSWs at least at the current federal or state minimum hourly wage; and 5) add language regarding the state's authority to set and

change LT-PCS rates and/or provide lump sum payments to providers based upon funds allocated by the legislature.

**Title 50**

**PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
Part XV. Services for Special Populations  
Subpart 9. Personal Care Services**

**Chapter 129. Long Term Care**

**§12903. Covered Services**

A. - A.8. ...

B. IADLs are those activities that are considered essential but may not require performance on a daily basis.

~~IADLs cannot be performed in the recipient's home when he/she is absent from the home.~~ IADLs include tasks such as:

B.1. - E. ...

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Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services, LR 42:1931 (November 2016), LR 47:

**§12913. Service Delivery**

A. Personal care services shall be provided in the recipient's home or in another location outside of the recipient's home if the provision of these services allows the recipient to participate in normal life activities pertaining to the IADLs cited in the plan of care. The recipient's home is defined as the place where he/she resides such as a house, an apartment, a boarding house, or the house or apartment of a family member or unpaid primary care-giver. IADLs cannot be performed in the recipient's home when the recipient is absent from the home, unless it is approved by OAAS or its designee on a case-by-case basis.

B. ...

C. Participants are not permitted to live in a home or property owned, operated, or controlled by an owner, operator, agent, or employee of a licensed provider of long-term care services, and providers are prohibited from providing and billing for services under these circumstances. Participants may not live in the home of ~~at~~their direct support worker unless the direct support worker is related ~~by blood or marriage to,~~ and it is the choice of, the participant.

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D. Place(s) of service must be documented in the plan of care ~~and service logs~~.

E. ...

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**§12917. ~~Unit of Reimbursement~~**

A. ...

B. The minimum hourly rate paid to personal care workers shall be at least the current federal or state minimum hourly wage.

C. The state has the authority to set and change LT-PCS rates and/or provide lump sum payments to LT-PCS providers based upon funds allocated by the legislature.

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**§12919. Cost Reporting Requirements**

A. ~~Effective July 1, 2012, the department shall implement mandatory cost reporting requirements for LT-PCS providers of long-term personal care services. The must complete annual cost reports will be used to verify expenditures and to support rate setting for the services rendered to Medicaid recipients.~~

B. Each LT-PCS provider shall complete the ~~DHHL~~LDH approved cost report and submit the cost report(s) to the department no later than five months after the state fiscal year ends (June 30).

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 39:1052 (April 2013), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services, LR:47:

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.

**Family Impact Statement**

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of this proposed Rule on the family has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on family functioning, stability and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

**Poverty Impact Statement**

In compliance with Act 854 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the poverty impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on child, individual, or family poverty

in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973.

#### **Small Business Analysis**

In compliance with Act 820 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the economic impact of this proposed Rule on small businesses has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on small businesses, as described in R.S. 49:965.2 et seq.

#### **Provider Impact Statement**

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the provider impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, and will have no impact on the provider's ability to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170.

#### **Public Comments**

Interested persons may submit written comments to Tara A. LeBlanc, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. Ms. LeBlanc is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. The deadline for submitting written comments is at 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2021.

## **Public Hearing**

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing by U.S. mail to the Office of the Secretary ATTN: LDH Rulemaking Coordinator, Post Office Box 629, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 12, 2021. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:953(A)(2)(a) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on March 31, 2021 in Room 118 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after March 12, 2021. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the event of a hearing, parking is available to the public in the Galvez Parking Garage, which is located between North Sixth and North Fifth/North and Main Streets (cater-corner from the Bienville Building). Validated parking for the Galvez Garage may be available to public hearing attendees when the parking ticket is presented to LDH staff at the hearing.

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Secretary