

NOTICE OF INTENT

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

**Hospital Licensing Standards
Obstetrical and Newborn Services
Neonatal Unit Functions
(LAC 48:I.9513)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 48:I.9513 as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2100-2115. 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 amended the provisions governing the licensing of hospitals in order to clarify the provisions governing obstetrical and newborn services to ensure that these provisions are aligned with current standards of practice and staffing guidelines (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 43, Number 1).

The department has determined it is necessary to amend the provisions governing the hospital licensing standards in order to further clarify the provisions governing respiratory equipment requirements for level 3 and level 3 surgical neonatal intensive care units.

**Title 48
PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL
Part I. General Administration
Subpart 3. Licensing and Certification**

Chapter 93. Hospitals

Subchapter S. Obstetrical and Newborn Services (Optional)

§9513. Neonatal Unit Functions

A. - C.1.b. ...

c. The staffing of this unit shall be based on patient acuity and consistent with the recommended staffing guidelines of the 2012 Seventh edition of the *AAP Guidelines for Perinatal Care*. For medical sub-specialty requirements, refer to Table 1 - Neonatal Medical Subspecialties and Transport Requirements.

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C.2. - C. 2.f.i. ...

3. Equipment Requirements

a. This unit shall have the following support equipment, in sufficient number, immediately available as needed in the hospital that includes, but is not limited to:

i. ...

ii. respiratory support that allows provision of continuous mechanical ventilation for infants less than 32 weeks gestation and weighing less than 1,500 grams.

C.4. - C.5.b. ...

D. Level III Surgical NICU

1. - 2.a. ...

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3. Equipment Requirements

a. This unit shall have the following support equipment, in sufficient number, immediately available as needed in the hospital that includes, but is not limited to:

i. a full range of respiratory support that includes high frequency ventilation and inhaled nitric oxide.

E. - E.2.b. ...

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:2100-2115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 29:2429 (November 2003), amended LR 33:286 (February 2007), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:78 (January 2017), amended LR 43:

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 a positive impact on family functioning, stability or autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972 by ensuring safe and effective operation of hospital perinatal services as a means of reducing infant mortalities.

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.

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 no direct or indirect cost to the provider to provide the same level of service. These provisions will have no impact on the provider's ability to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Cecile Castello, Health Standards Section, P.O. Box 3767, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or by email to MedicaidPolicy@la.gov. Ms. Castello is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule. A public hearing on this proposed Rule is scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 118, Bienville Building, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. At that time all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views or arguments either orally or in writing. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is 4:30 p.m. on the next business day following the public hearing.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Hospital Licensing Standards
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SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 953 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. The following summary statements, based on the attached worksheets, will be published in the Louisiana Register with the proposed agency rule.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (SUMMARY)

It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed rule will have no programmatic fiscal impact to the state other than the cost of promulgation for FY 17-18. It is anticipated that \$432 (SGF) will be expended in FY 17-18 for the state's administrative expense for the promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed rule will not affect federal revenue collections since the licensing fees, in the same amounts, will continue to be collected.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

This proposed Rule amends the provisions governing the hospital licensing standards in order to further clarify the provisions governing respiratory equipment requirements for level 3 and level 3 surgical neonatal intensive care units (NICUs). It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed rule will not result in economic costs to hospital NICU providers for FY 17-18, FY 18-19 and FY 19-20, but may be beneficial due to less restrictive equipment requirements for level 3 NICUs.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

This rule has no known effect on competition and employment.

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberations on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

This proposed Rule amends the provisions governing the hospital licensing standards in order to further clarify the provisions governing respiratory equipment requirements for level 3 and level 3 surgical neonatal intensive care units (NICUs).

- B. Summarize the circumstances that require this action. If the action is required by federal regulations, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amended the provisions governing the licensing of hospitals in order to clarify the provisions governing obstetrical and newborn services to ensure that these provisions are aligned with current standards of practice and staffing guidelines (Louisiana Register, Volume 43, Number 1).

The department has determined it is necessary to amend the provisions governing the hospital licensing standards in order to further clarify the provisions governing respiratory equipment requirements for level 3 and level 3 surgical neonatal intensive care units.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session.

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

No. It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed rule will have no programmatic fiscal impact to the state other than the cost of promulgation for FY 17-18. It is anticipated that \$432 will be expended in FY 17-18 for the state's administrative expense for the promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

- (a) _____ If yes, attach documentation.
(b) _____ If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET

I. A. COST OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase or (decrease) in cost to implement the proposed action?

COST	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
PERSONAL SERVICES			
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$432	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
OTHER CHARGES			
REPAIR & CONSTR.			
POSITIONS (#)			
TOTAL	\$432	\$0	\$0

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A.1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

In FY 17-18, \$432 will be spent for the state's administrative expense for promulgation of this proposed rule and the final rule.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

Source	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$432	\$0	\$0
SELF-GENERATED			
FEDERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)			
Total	\$432	\$0	\$0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

Yes, sufficient funds are available to implement this rule.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THIS PROPOSED ACTION.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustment in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

This proposed rule has no known impact on local governmental units.

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WORKSHEET

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit that will be affected by these costs or savings.

There is no known impact on the sources of local governmental unit funding.

II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

- A. What increase or (decrease) in revenues can be expected from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20
STATE GENERAL FUND			
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED			
RESTRICTED FUNDS*			
FEDERAL FUNDS			
LOCAL FUNDS			
Total			

*Specify the particular fund being impacted

- B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenue shown in "A". Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effects on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.)

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- B. Also, provide an estimate of any revenue impact resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed rule will not result in economic costs to hospital NICU providers for FY 17-18, FY 18-19 and FY 19-20, but may be beneficial due to less restrictive equipment requirements for level 3 NICUs.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

This rule has no known effect on competition and employment.