

NOTICE OF INTENT

**Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing
and
Office of Behavioral Health**

**Healthy Louisiana Opioid Use Disorder/Substance Use Disorder
Waiver
(LAC 50:XXII.Chapters 61-69)**

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health propose to adopt LAC 50:XXII.Chapters 61-69 in 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 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a request by the Department of Health to implement the Healthy Louisiana Opioid Use Disorder/Substance Use Disorder Waiver, a five-year 1115(a) demonstration waiver to permit managed care organizations (MCOs) to provide opioid use disorder/substance use disorder services to Medicaid recipients in an institution for mental disease (IMD) without regard to the monthly MCO length of stay limit for these residential treatment services in an IMD setting. The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Service Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health propose to

adopt provisions governing the CMS-approved Healthy Louisiana Opioid Use Disorder/Substance Use Disorder Waiver.

TITLE 50

PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Part XXII. 1115 Demonstration Waivers

Subpart 7. Healthy Louisiana Opioid Use Disorder/Substance Use Disorder Waiver

Chapter 61. General Provisions

§6101. Purpose

A. The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health hereby implement a section 1115(a) demonstration waiver called the Healthy Louisiana Opioid Use Disorder/Substance Use Disorder (OUD/SUD) Waiver which is designed to maintain critical access to OUD/SUD services and continue delivery system improvements for these services to provide more coordinated and comprehensive OUD/SUD treatment for Medicaid recipients. This demonstration waiver provides the state with the authority to provide high-quality, clinically appropriate OUD/SUD treatment services for residents in residential and inpatient treatment settings that qualify as an institution for mental disease (IMD).

B. The Healthy Louisiana OUD/SUD Waiver is a 59-month demonstration project which was approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective February 1, 2018 and will span five years, through December 31, 2022. Louisiana may request an

extension of this demonstration project through CMS prior to the expiration date.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 45:

Chapter 63. Eligibility

§6301. General Provisions

A. The Healthy Louisiana OUD/SUD Waiver services shall be available to individuals who:

1. meet the eligibility criteria for Medicaid set forth in the State Plan;

2. meet clinical criteria, including having a SUD diagnosis; and

3. receive OUD/SUD treatment services in residential and inpatient treatment settings that qualify as an IMD, which are not otherwise matchable expenditures under §1903 of the Social Security Act.

B. Retroactive coverage is not available in the Healthy Louisiana OUD/SUD Waiver program.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 45:

Chapter 65. Services

§6501. Covered Services

A. The coverage of OUD/SUD residential treatment and withdrawal management services during residential stays under the scope of this demonstration project are:

1. inpatient services provided to recipients in IMDs;

2. residential treatment provided to recipients in IMDs;

3. clinically managed withdrawal management provided to recipients in IMDs;

4. medically monitored/managed withdrawal management provided to recipients in IMDs; and

5. medication-assisted treatment (MAT) provided to recipients in IMDs.

B. A licensed mental health practitioner (LMHP) or physician who is acting within the scope of his/her professional license and applicable state law shall determine the medical necessity of all OUD/SUD services furnished under this waiver.

1. For the purposes of this Chapter, the term medically necessary means that the services provided under this waiver are reasonably calculated by an LMHP or a physician:

a. to reduce the disability resulting from the illness; and

b. to restore the recipient to his/her best possible functioning level in the community.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 45:

§6503. Service Delivery

A. All Healthy Louisiana OUD/SUD Waiver services are to be provided to recipient groups through a managed care delivery system, except for the following:

1. spend-down medically needy population.

B. All of the covered services under this waiver shall be delivered by an IMD provider contracted with one or more of the managed care organizations (MCOs) operating within the state's Medicaid system.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 45:

Chapter 67. Provider Participation

§6701. General Provisions

A. All providers participating in the delivery of services covered under the Healthy Louisiana OUD/SUD Waiver shall adhere to all of the applicable federal and state regulations, policies, rules, manuals and laws.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 45:

§6703. Reporting Requirements

A. MCOs and their contracted providers of OUD/SUD services under this demonstration project shall be required to provide data as outlined or requested by the Department of Health.

B. Data shall be provided in the format and frequency specified by the department including any additional data requests as identified by the department.

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Chapter 69. Reimbursement

§6901. General Provisions

A. MCOs and their contracted IMD providers shall ensure that reimbursement for services covered under the Healthy Louisiana OUD/SUD Waiver is requested and paid only for those recipients who meet the eligibility criteria and for whom services were rendered.

B. Providers/IMDs shall retain any and all supporting financial information and documents that are adequate to ensure that payment is made in accordance with applicable federal and state laws;

C. Any such documents shall be retained for a period of at least six years from the date of service, or until the final resolution of all litigation, claims, financial management reviews or audits pertaining, whichever is the longest time period; and

D. There shall not be any restrictions on the right of the state and federal government to conduct inspections and/or audits as deemed necessary to assure quality, appropriateness or timeliness of services and reasonableness of costs.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 45:

§6903. Reimbursement Methodology

A. For recipients enrolled in one of the MCOs, the department or its fiscal intermediary shall make monthly capitation payments to the MCOs inclusive of coverage for the provision of residential and inpatient substance use services for recipients. The capitation rates paid to the MCOs shall be actuarially sound rates and the MCOs will determine the rates paid to its contracted providers. No payment shall be less than the minimum Medicaid rate.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Behavioral Health, LR 45:

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.

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 on family functioning, stability and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972 because it will allow recipients in institutions for mental disease with an

opioid use disorder/substance use disorder diagnosis to access critical treatment services.

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 a positive impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973 because it will allow recipients in institutions for mental disease with an opioid use disorder/substance use disorder diagnosis to access critical treatment services.

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, no direct or indirect cost to the provider 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.

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 proposed Rule. A public hearing on this proposed Rule is

scheduled for Thursday, December 27, 2018 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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