

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

Outpatient Hospital Services  
Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals and Children's Specialty Hospitals  
Reimbursement Rate Increase  
(LAC 50:V.5313, 5317, 5513, 5517, 5713, 5719, 6115 and 6119)

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:V.5313, §5317 §5513, §5517, §5713, §5719, §6115 and §6119 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 Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, in compliance with the requirements of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 51 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for outpatient hospital services in order to increase the reimbursement rates paid to non-rural, non-state hospitals and children's specialty hospitals (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 43, Number 5).

House Concurrent Resolution 8 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature required the department to increase the reimbursement rates for outpatient hospital services paid to non-rural, non-state hospitals and children's specialty hospitals to the rates in effect on June 30, 2010. This proposed rule is being

promulgated in order to comply with the provisions of HCR 8.

## **Title 50**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **Part V. Hospitals**

#### **Subpart 5. Outpatient Hospitals**

### **Chapter 53. Outpatient Surgery**

#### **Subchapter B. Reimbursement Methodology**

#### **§5313. Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals**

A. - I.1. ...

J. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, the reimbursement rates paid to non-rural, non-state hospitals for outpatient surgery shall be increased by 4.82 percent of the rates on file as of December 31, 2017.

1. Hospitals participating in public-private partnerships as defined in §6701 shall be exempted from this rate increase.

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 and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 35:1900 (September 2009), amended LR 36:1250 (June 2010), LR 36:2041 (September 2010), LR 37:3266 (November 2011), LR 40:313 (February 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:964 (May 2017), LR 43:

#### **§5317. Children's Specialty Hospitals**

A. - G.1. ...

H. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, the reimbursement paid to children's specialty hospitals for outpatient surgery shall be increased by 4.82 percent of the rates on file as of December 31, 2017.

1. Final reimbursement shall be 92.15 percent of allowable cost as calculated through the cost report settlement process.

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 and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 36:2042 (September 2010), amended LR 37:3266 (November 2011), LR 40:313 (February 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:965 (May 2017), LR 43:

## **Chapter 55. Clinic Services**

### **Subchapter B. Reimbursement Methodology**

#### **§5513. Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals**

A. - I.1. ...

J. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, the reimbursement rates paid to non-rural, non-state hospitals for outpatient clinic services shall be increased by 4.82 percent of the rates on file as of December 31, 2017.

1. Hospitals participating in public-private partnerships as defined in §6701 shall be exempted from this rate increase.

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 and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 35:1900 (September 2009), amended LR 36:1250 (June 2010), LR 36:2042 (September 2010), LR 37:3266 (November 2011), LR 40:313 (February 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:965 (May 2017), LR 43:

**§5517. Children's Specialty Hospitals**

A. - G. ...

H. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, the reimbursement rates paid to children's specialty hospitals for outpatient hospital clinic services shall be increased by 4.82 percent of the rates on file as of December 31, 2017.

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 and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 36:2042 (September 2010), amended LR 37:3266 (November 2011), LR 40:313 (February 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:965 (May 2017), LR 43:

**Chapter 57. Laboratory Services**

**Subchapter B. Reimbursement Methodology**

**§5713. Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals**

A. - I.1. ...

J. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, the reimbursement rates paid to non-rural, non-state hospitals for outpatient laboratory services shall be increased by 4.82 percent of the rates on file as of December 31, 2017.

1. Hospitals participating in public-private partnerships as defined in §6701 shall be exempted from this rate increase.

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 and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 35:1900 (September 2009), amended LR 36:1250 (June 2010), LR 36:2042 (September 2010), LR 37:3266 (November 2011), LR 40:313 (February 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:965 (May 2017), LR 43:

**§5719. Children's Specialty Hospitals**

A. - G. ...

H. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, the reimbursement rates paid to children's specialty hospitals for outpatient clinical diagnostic laboratory services shall be increased by 4.82 percent of the rates on file as of December 31, 2017.

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 and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 36:2043 (September 2010), amended LR 37:3267 (November 2011), LR 40:314 (February 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:965 (May 2017), LR 43:

**Chapter 61. Other Outpatient Hospital Services**

**Subchapter B. Reimbursement Methodology**

**§6115. Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals**

A. - I.1. ...

J. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, the reimbursement rates paid to non-rural, non-state hospitals for outpatient hospital services, other than clinical diagnostic laboratory services, outpatient surgeries, rehabilitation services and outpatient hospital facility fees shall be increased by 4.82 percent of the rates in effect as of December 31, 2017.

1. Final reimbursement shall be 74.56 percent of allowable cost as calculated through the cost report settlement process.

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 and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 35:1900 (September 2009), amended LR 36:1250 (June 2010), LR 36:2043 (September 2010), LR 37:3267 (November 2011), LR 40:314 (February

2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:965 (May 2017), LR 43:

**§6119. Children's Specialty Hospitals**

A. - G.1. ...

H. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, the reimbursement fees paid to children's specialty hospitals for outpatient hospital services, other than rehabilitation services and outpatient hospital facility fees, shall be increased by 4.82 percent of the rates in effect as of December 31, 2017.

1. Final reimbursement shall be 92.15 percent of allowable cost as calculated through the cost report settlement process.

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 and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 36:2044 (September 2010), amended LR 37:3267 (November 2011), LR 40:314 (February 2014), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 43:965 (May 2017), 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.

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 no impact on family functioning, stability and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

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 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, but may reduce the total direct and indirect cost to the provider to provide the same level of service and may enhance the provider's ability to provide the same level of service since this proposed Rule increases the payments to providers for the same services they already render.

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](mailto: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, October 26, 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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