

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

Inpatient Hospital Services - Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals
Termination of Additional Payments for
Hemophilia Blood Products
(LAC 50:V.965)

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing repeals LAC 50:V.965 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.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for non-rural, non-state acute care hospitals to provide additional reimbursements to certain hospitals for the extraordinary costs incurred in the purchase of blood products for Medicaid recipients who have been diagnosed with hemophilia (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 34, Number 10) and other rare bleeding disorders (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 35, Number 4).

As a result of a budget shortfall in state fiscal year 2015, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services

Financing now proposes to amend the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services rendered by non-rural, non-state hospitals to eliminate the additional reimbursements for hemophilia blood products purchased by hospitals. This action is being taken to avoid a budget deficit in the Medical Assistance Program. It is estimated that the implementation of this Emergency Rule will reduce expenditures for inpatient hospital services by approximately \$300,000 for state fiscal year 2014-2015.

Effective March 5, 2015, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services rendered by non-rural, non-state hospitals in order to repeal the provisions governing additional reimbursements for hemophilia blood products.

Title 50

PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Part V. Hospital Services

Subpart 1. Inpatient Hospitals

Chapter 9. Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals

Subchapter B. Reimbursement Methodology

§965. Hemophilia Blood Products

Repealed.

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, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 34:.2176 (October 2008), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 35:674 (April 2009), repealed LR 41:

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 J. Ruth Kennedy, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9030 or by email to Medicaidpolicy@la.gov. Ms. Kennedy is responsible for responding to 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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