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

Cost Settlements for Adult Day Health Care Providers During the
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency
(LAC 50:XXI.723)

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services promulgated rules relative to cost settlement of the direct care cost component for adult day health care (ADHC) providers. ADHC health status monitoring (HSM) is a service allowed during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency (PHE) to participants not able to go to ADHC centers. Based on audits of fiscal year (FY) 2022 cost reports, approximately 10 percent of provider's staff time was spent on direct contact with participants making ADHC HSM telephone calls. Therefore, the department has determined to cost settle at the 10 percent direct care estimate for ADHC HSM for FY 2022 (July 2021-June 2022) and for FY 2023 (July 2022-June 2023). The department also updated the FY 2023 cost report template and extended the deadline for submission.

Following the end of the COVID-19 PHE, the department now allows ADHC HSM as a service under the ADHC Waiver. The department will recalculate the percentage of ADHC HSM direct

care cost based on the future changes to the ADHC HSM rate and update the cost report template accordingly.

All other direct care cost components shall be subject to cost settlement as noted in LAC 50:XXI.723.C.

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