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Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

Public Hearing—Substantive Changes to Proposed Rule  
Facility Need Review  
Relocation of Nursing Facility Beds  
(LAC 48:I.12529)

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 published a Notice of Intent in the January 20, 2021 edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR 47:143-144) to amend LAC 48:I.12529 as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and 40:2116. This Notice of Intent proposed to amend the provisions governing the facility need review (FNR) process in order to allow the department to approve a temporary relocation/transfer of a nursing facility's Medicaid FNR approvals to another licensed, certified and operational nursing facility outside of the service area or parish while awaiting the completion of a replacement nursing facility building. As a result of comments received in response to the January 20, 2021 Notice of Intent, the department determined that additional non-technical revisions were necessary to the provisions of §12529 of the proposed Rule.

Taken together, all of these revisions will closely align the proposed Rule with the department's original intent and the concerns brought forth during the comment period for the Notice

of Intent as originally published. No fiscal or economic impact will result from the amendments proposed in this notice

**Title 48**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL**  
**Part I. General Administration**  
**Subpart 5. Health Planning**

**Chapter 125. Facility Need Review**

**Subchapter D. Relocation of Nursing Facility Beds**

**§12529. General Provisions**

A. - D. ...

1. The department may approve a one-time temporary relocation of a nursing facility's Medicaid FNR approvals to another licensed building that may be outside the existing FNR approved service area or parish, provided that all of the following provisions are met:

a. - e. ...

f. The temporary license shall expire 6 months from the date of issuance and the facility shall relocate to its new replacement nursing facility building during that period. One extension of the temporary license, not to exceed 90 days, may be granted by the department for good cause shown.

g. During the period of temporary licensure, the nursing facility shall not accept any new admissions to the facility.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and 40:2116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 21:806 (August 1995), amended LR 25:1250 (July 1999), LR 28:2190 (October 2002), LR 30:1023 (May 2004), LR 32:845 (May 2006), LR 34:2619 (December 2008), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 36:1009 (May 2010), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing LR 46:953 (July 2020), LR 47:

Interested persons may submit written comments to Tasheka Dukes, RN, Health Standards Section, P.O. Box 3767, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Ms. Dukes is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding these substantive amendments to the proposed Rule. A public hearing on these substantive changes to the proposed Rule is will be scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. using the following URL link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87845586319>. Alternatively, you may join by dialing 602-333-0032 and entering conference code 768964. 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., June 29, 2021.

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Secretary