



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of the Secretary

March 4, 2024

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations
Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group
601 East 12th Street, Room 0300
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2898

RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan
Transmittal No. 24-0003

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed Louisiana Title XIX State Plan material.

I recommend this material for adoption and inclusion in the body of the State Plan.
Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Karen
Barnes at (225) 342-3881 or via email at Karen.Barnes@la.gov.

Sincerely,

 for Designee 
Ralph L. Abraham, M.D.
Secretary

Attachments (3)

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**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER
24-0003

2. STATE
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3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
January 1, 2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

**Title XIX of the Social Security Act
Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act**

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2024 \$ 1,038,345

b. FFY 2025 \$ 895,139

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B, Item 7, Page 6 (New Page)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

The purpose of this SPA is to adopt provisions in the Home Health program in order to establish recruitment and retention payments for nurses that provide extended home health (EHH) services to beneficiaries under the age of 21, in accordance with Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

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COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

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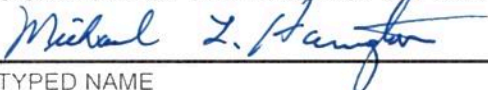
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OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

The Governor does not review State Plan material.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



12. TYPED NAME

**Michael Harrington, MBA, MA
Designee for Ralph L. Abraham, M.D.**

13. TITLE

Secretary

14. DATE SUBMITTED

March 4, 2024

15. RETURN TO

**Kimberly Sullivan, J.D.
Medicaid Executive Director
Louisiana Department of Health
628 North 4th Street
P.O. Box 91030
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030**

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16. DATE RECEIVED

17. DATE APPROVED

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

22. REMARKS

LA TITLE XIX SPA
TRANSMITTAL #: 24-0003
TITLE: Home Health ARPA
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

FISCAL IMPACT:
Increase

	year	% inc.	fed. match	*# mos	range of mos.	dollars
1st SFY	2024			6	January 2024 - June 2024	\$1,753,627
2nd SFY	2025			12	July 2024 - June 2025	\$2,630,441
3rd SFY						

*#mos-months remaining in fiscal year

Total increase or decrease cost FFY 2024

\$1,753,627 /	12 X	6 months	January 2024 - June 2024	=	\$876,814	
			\$876,814 X	67.67%	=	\$593,340
\$2,630,441 /	12 X	3 months	July 2024 - September 2024	=	\$657,610	
			\$657,610 X	67.67%	=	\$445,005

FFP (FFY 2024) \$1,038,345

Total increase or decrease cost FFY 2025

\$2,630,441 /	12 X	6 months	October 2024 - March 2025	=	\$1,315,221	
			\$1,315,221 X	68.06%	=	\$895,139

FFP (FFY 2025) \$895,139

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN SECTION 1902 (A) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM, UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Nursing Recruitment and Retention Payments under the American Rescue Plan Act

Nurses that provide extended home health (EHH) services may be eligible to receive recruitment and retention bonuses through March 2025. A nurse is an individual who possesses and maintains a valid license as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) or registered nurse (RN).

1. All payments shall be administered by the home health agency (HHA) that employs the nurse. If a nurse is employed at multiple agencies, only one HHA may pay the recruitment and retention payment.
2. HHAs shall submit an invoice and supporting documentation for each nurse that meets the requirements on a monthly basis, and shall comply with all other requirements established by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to receive a payment.
3. HHAs shall disburse the entire payment to the nurse and are prohibited from reducing the payment for any purpose other than required state or federal withholdings. HHAs that provide the required documentation, comply with all applicable requirements, and have at least one nurse per month receiving a bonus payment will be eligible to invoice LDH for a monthly administrative fee to be determined by LDH.
4. Recruitment is the hiring of a new nurse who commits to providing a minimum of 120 hours of EHH services to beneficiaries under the age of 21 who are in a Medicaid program in each calendar month.
5. Retention is the continuous delivery of at least 120 hours of EHH services, by an existing nurse, to beneficiaries each calendar month.
6. A one-time, lump sum payment may be paid to any new nurse or existing nurse who is hired or retained by the HHA and commits to providing a minimum of 120 hours of EHH services to beneficiaries and has not received the retention lump sum bonus payment. Each nurse may only receive the lump sum bonus payment once.
7. Nurses who receive the lump sum bonus payment will be eligible to receive a monthly retention payment if they provided at least 120 hours of EHH services to eligible beneficiaries during the previous calendar month.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of home health services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of April 3, 2023 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at www.lamedicaid.com.