



**ATTENTION MEDICAID PROVIDERS
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: IMPLEMENTATION OF REIMBURSEMENT
RATE REDUCTIONS**

In order to avoid a budget deficit in the medical assistance programs, the Department of Health and Hospitals has determined that reimbursement rate reductions are necessary. These reductions were initially delayed, but systems logic is now effective, and providers will begin seeing these reductions on the 03/09/09 RAs. Systematic adjustments to affected previously paid claims will occur in the near future. No action is required by providers

For details regarding what services are affected by these reductions as well as the effective date of the reductions, please refer to the emergency rules published on January 30 or 31, 2009 in the legal notice section of the major daily newspaper in your area or the emergency rule section on the Office of the State Register's website (<http://doa.louisiana.gov/osr/>). Providers should visit the Louisiana Medicaid website (www.lamedicaid.com) for information regarding the rate reductions and effective dates.

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ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT RATE REDUCTIONS- ASC, CRNA, ESRD,
LAB & X-RAY**

Effective with date of service February 26, 2009, rate reductions were implemented for the following programs: Ambulatory Surgical Centers (non-hospital), Professional Services Program Anesthesia Services- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, End Stage Renal Disease Facilities, and Laboratory & Radiology services. Emergency rules for reimbursement rate reductions were published for these on or before February 25, 2009 in the legal notice section of the major daily newspaper in your area or the emergency rule section on the Office of the State Register's website (<http://doa.louisiana.gov/osr/>). Claims paid at inappropriate rate due to delay in implementation will be systematically adjusted and no action is required by providers. Providers should monitor future RAs for updates regarding these rate reductions.