



**ATTENTION PROVIDERS OF OUTPATIENT SERVICES: MEDICAID RESPONSIBILITY FOR
MEDICAID ELIGIBLE INCARCERATED RECIPIENTS**

Louisiana Medicaid is responsible for the payment of inpatient hospital claims for Medicaid eligible incarcerated recipients. The expansion of the Medicaid program that occurred on July 1, 2016, has no bearing on this policy. Claims for outpatient services provided to an incarcerated Medicaid eligible recipient shall be paid in accordance with the reimbursement procedures of the Department of Corrections (DOC).

Professional services provided during an Emergency Department (ED) visit that results in an inpatient admission of a Medicaid eligible recipient, whether incarcerated or not, are still considered outpatient services. All professional claims for services rendered in an outpatient setting, including services rendered in the ED, shall be submitted as per DOC policy for reimbursement.

Services provided and billed by the hospital during an ED visit that results in an inpatient admission are the only allowable services for inclusion in the inpatient claim submitted to Medicaid for reimbursement. All hospital services (including facility ED charges, laboratory, radiology, etc.) are included in the hospital's inpatient per diem reimbursement.

Questions regarding this message should be directed to Molina Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.