



ATTENTION MEDICAID PROVIDERS: DELAYED 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. The implementation of these rate reductions has been delayed, but will occur in the near future. Providers should monitor this website for further details. Once the rate reductions have been implemented, systematic adjustments will be made to affected paid claims with no action required of providers.

Below is a list of the Medicaid programs for which a rate reduction will be implemented, along with the effective date of service and the date on which the emergency rule for each program was published. For details regarding what services are affected by these reductions, please refer to the emergency rule 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/>).

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS RATE REDUCTIONS WERE PUBLISHED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2009 WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF FEBRUARY 1, 2009

- Home and Community Based Services Waivers – Elderly and Disabled Adults
- Home and Community Based Services Waivers – New Opportunities Waiver
- Home Health Program – Durable Medical Equipment
- Hospice – Payment for Long Term Care Residents
- Mental Health Rehabilitation Program
- Personal Care Services – Long Term
- Targeted Case Management

PUBLIC PROCESS NOTICES FOR THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES RATE REDUCTIONS WERE PUBLISHED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 24, 2009 WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF FEBRUARY 20, 2009

- Hospital Services – Inpatient Hospitals
- Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
- Nursing Facilities – Leave of Absence Days
- Outpatient Hospital Services – Private Hospitals