



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

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**Re: Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Program
Change of Ownership**

**POLICY UPDATE-
PLEASE READ
CAREFULLY**

Dear Medicaid Provider:

According to the Medical Assistance Program Integrity Law (MAPIL), cited as LSA-RS-46:437, providers are required to notify Louisiana Medicaid Provider Enrollment of any change in ownership.

The Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits Management Program defines "change of ownership" based on the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy's definition. Therefore, **if a new Board of Pharmacy permit is issued due to a 50 percent or more change in ownership, the provider is required to obtain a new Medicaid provider number.**

A copy of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy's change of ownership policy has been included below for your convenience:

§1135. Pharmacy Change of Ownership Procedures

A. The holder of a pharmacy permit shall notify the board, in writing, prior to the transfer of ownership, in order for the board to complete an inspection of the pharmacy premises.

1. A change of ownership of a pharmacy is evident under the following conditions:

- a. sale of a pharmacy;
- b. death of a sole proprietor;
- c. the addition or deletion of one or more partners in a partnership;
- d. bankruptcy sale, or
- e. a 50 percent, or more, change in ownership of a corporation, limited liability company, or association since the issuance of the original permit or the last renewal application.

2. The new owner(s) of the pharmacy shall submit a properly completed pharmacy permit application, with appropriate fee, to the board.

3. Upon receipt of the new permit, the seller shall:

- a. notify the board of the transaction, including the identity of the new owner(s); and
- b. surrender the voided pharmacy permit and voided Louisiana Controlled Dangerous Substance License to the board.

4. Pharmacy permits are not transferable from the original holder(s) of the permit to the new owner(s).

(Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46)

Any change in ownership should immediately be reported to the Molina Provider Enrollment Unit by way of submission of a new enrollment packet, which can be found on www.lamedicaid.com. Completion of both the "Basic Provider Enrollment Packet for Entities/Businesses" and the provider type-specific packet "26 Pharmacy" is required.

Failure to submit complete enrollment forms within ninety (90) days of a change of ownership may result in departmental review and/or administrative sanction. This policy will become effective for ownership changes dated January 1, 2015 and beyond. Please contact Molina Provider Enrollment (phone: 225-216-6370) with any questions regarding this policy.

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