



ATTENTION ALL PROVIDERS IMPLEMENTATION OF AUG 1, 2010 RATE REDUCTIONS

After careful analysis of the state budget approved for fiscal year 2010 – 2011 by the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) has developed a plan to manage a \$168.1 million total budget reduction. This reduction equates to 4.6% of the enacted budget for the Medicaid Private Provider Program.

The state has published Emergency Rules which address these program reductions which can be found online at the Office of State Register's website at <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/OSR/osr.htm> by clicking on the Emergency Rules tab on the left navigation bar of the homepage. Refer to the homepage of the LA Medicaid website (http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/Recent_Policy/August_Summary.pdf) for a summary of these rules and a link to the *LA Register*.

Providers will be notified when the new rates are loaded for each program. At that time, providers should reference the LA Medicaid website for the most current fees. Claims for dates of service after Aug 1, 2010 that are adjudicated prior to the system update will be systematically adjusted and no action is required by providers. Continue to monitor future RAs. Contact the Provider Relations unit at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040 with questions related to the implementation of the rate reductions and claim adjustments.