

EMERGENCY RULES REIMBURSEMENT RATE REDUCTIONS

The Department of Health and Hospitals has determined that reimbursement rate reductions are necessary in order to avoid a budget deficit in the Louisiana Medicaid Program. Emergency rules to implement these reimbursement reductions will be published in the state's eight major daily newspapers on or before November 30, 2010. These Emergency Rules will also be published in the **December 20, 2010** edition of the *Louisiana Register*, the state's official journal.

For details regarding which services are affected by these reductions, please go to the *Emergency Rule* section of the above-referenced edition of the *Louisiana Register* at the Office of the State Register's website (<http://doa.louisiana.gov/osr/>).

The following rules are effective for dates of service on or after **December 1, 2010**.

All Inclusive Care for the Elderly - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) to reduce the monthly capitated amount paid to PACE organizations by 3.09 percent.

Ambulatory Surgical Centers - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for ambulatory surgical centers to reduce the reimbursement rates for surgical services by 2 percent.

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment - Dental Program - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program to reduce the reimbursement rates paid for dental services to the following percentages of the 2009 National Dental Advisory Service Comprehensive Fee Report 70th percentile: 67.5 percent for certain oral evaluation services; 63.5 percent for certain annual and periodic diagnostic and preventive services; 50 percent for certain diagnostic and adjunctive general services; and 57 percent for the remainder of the dental services. Removable prosthodontics and orthodontic services were excluded from the rate reduction.

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment – Health Services – EarlySteps Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program to reduce the reimbursement rates for health services provided through the EarlySteps Program by 2 percent. The following services rendered in the natural environment shall be paid at the reduced rate: audiology services; speech pathology services; occupational therapy; physical therapy; and psychological services. Services rendered in special purpose facilities/inclusive child care and center-based special purpose facilities are excluded from the rate reduction.

End Stage Renal Disease Facilities - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for end stage renal disease facilities to reduce the reimbursement rates by 2 percent.

Home Health Program – Extended Nursing Services – Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing nursing services covered in the Home Health Program to reduce the rates for extended nursing services by 2 percent.

Inpatient Hospital Services – Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals – Outlier Payment Methodology: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services to revise the provisions governing outlier payments made to non-rural, non-state hospitals in order to implement an annual payment cap and revise the frequency of payments.

Inpatient Hospital Services – Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals – Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services to reduce the reimbursement rates paid to non-rural, non-state hospitals by 2 percent.

Laboratory and Radiology Services - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for laboratory and radiology services to reduce the reimbursement rates by 2 percent.

Medical Transportation Program- Emergency Ambulance Services - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for emergency medical transportation services to reduce the reimbursement rates by 2 percent.

Medical Transportation Program- Non-Emergency Ambulance Services - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for non-emergency ambulance services to reduce the reimbursement rates paid for ground mileage and ancillary services by 2 percent.

Medical Transportation Program- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for medical transportation services to reduce the reimbursement rates for non-emergency, non-ambulance medical transportation by 2 percent. Friends and family providers are excluded from the rate reduction.

Mental Health Rehabilitation Program – Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the Mental Health Rehabilitation (MHR) Program to reduce the reimbursement rates for MHR services by 3.3 percent.

Multi-Systemic Therapy - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for multi-systemic therapy to reduce the reimbursement rates by 3 percent.

Outpatient Hospital Services - Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals and Children’s Specialty Hospitals - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the

reimbursement methodology for outpatient hospital services to reduce the reimbursement rates paid to non-rural, non-state hospitals and children's specialty hospitals by 2 percent.

Personal Care Services – Long-Term - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for long-term personal care services to reduce the reimbursement rates by 5.8 percent.

Pharmacy Benefits Management Program – Prescription Limit Reduction: amends the provisions governing the prescription limits in the Pharmacy Benefits Management Program to reduce the monthly prescription limit to four prescriptions per month.

Pregnant Women Extended Services - Dental Services - Reimbursement Rate Reduction: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for dental services provided to Medicaid eligible pregnant women in order to reduce the reimbursement rates to the following percentages of the 2009 National Dental Advisory Service Comprehensive Fee Report 70th Percentile: 67.5 percent for the comprehensive periodontal evaluation exam; 63.5 percent for certain diagnostic services; 57 percent for the remaining diagnostic services and all periodontic procedures, restorative and oral and maxillofacial surgery procedures.

Professional Services Program – Physician Services – Obstetrics Rate Increase: amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for physician services to increase the reimbursement rates to 90 percent of the 2009 Louisiana Medicare Region 99 allowable for certain obstetric delivery services rendered to recipients 16 years of age and older.