



## 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 were published in the **February 20, 2009** and **March 20, 2009** editions 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 editions of the *Louisiana Register* at the Office of the State Register's website (<http://doa.louisiana.gov/osr/>).

### **FEBRUARY 20, 2009 LOUISIANA REGISTER**

The following rules are effective for dates of service on or after **February 1, 2009**.

**Home and Community Based Services Waivers-Elderly and Disabled Adults Waiver-Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for the Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver to reduce the reimbursement rates paid for certain services.

**Home and Community-Based Services Waivers-New Opportunities Waiver-Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for the New Opportunities Waiver to reduce the reimbursement rate paid for certain services.

**Home Health Program-Durable Medical Equipment-Reimbursement Reduction:** reduces the reimbursement rates paid for certain durable medical equipment.

**Hospice-Payment for Long Term Care Residents-Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement for hospice services provided to long term care residents to reduce the reimbursement rates.

**Mental Health Rehabilitation Program-Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for mental health rehabilitation services to reduce the reimbursement rates.

**Personal Care Services-Long Term Care-Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for long-term personal care services to reduce the reimbursement rate.

**Targeted Case Management-Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for targeted case management to reduce the reimbursement rate paid for services provided to participants in the Nurse Family Partnership Program, participants in the New Opportunities Waiver, and individuals with disabilities resulting from HIV.

The following rules are effective for dates of service on after **February 20, 2009**.

**Hospital Services-Inpatient Hospitals-Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services to reduce the current reimbursement rates.

**Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled-Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental disabilities (ICF/DDs) to reduce the reimbursement rates paid to non-state ICF/DDs.

**Nursing Facilities-Leave of Absence Days-Reimbursement Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities to reduce the reimbursement paid to nursing facilities for leave of absence days.

**Outpatient Hospital Services-Private Hospitals-Reimbursement Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for certain outpatient hospital services to reduce the reimbursement rates.

### **MARCH 20, 2009 LOUISIANA REGISTER**

The following rules are effective for dates of service on or after **February 26, 2009**.

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

**Professional Services Program-Anesthesia Services-Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for anesthesia services to reduce the reimbursement rates for services performed by certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs).

**End Stage Renal Disease Facilities (ESRD) Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for end stage renal disease facilities to reduce the reimbursement rates.

**Laboratory and Radiology-Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the reimbursement methodology for laboratory and radiology services to reduce the reimbursement rates paid for laboratory and radiology services.

The following rule is effective for dates of service on or after **March 7, 2009**.

**Prosthetics and Orthotics-Reimbursement Rate Reduction:** amends the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for prosthetic and orthotic devices to reduce the reimbursement rate.

**NOTE:** Claims paid at the inappropriate rate due to delays in system implementation will be systematically adjusted. No other action is required by providers. Providers should monitor the Louisiana Medicaid website and remittance advice (RA) messages for updates regarding these rate reductions.