

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health
Office of Aging and Adult Services

Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Definitions
(LAC 48:I.1905)

The Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Aging and Adult Services proposes to amend the language included in the definition of *Spinal Cord Injury* to comply with the definition as set forth in R.S. 46:2632. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:450 et seq.

The Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Aging and Adult Services, assumed the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund and its functions as promulgated in LR 40:84

Title 48
Public Health - General
Part I. General Administration
Subpart 1. General
Chapter 19. Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury

§1905. Definitions
[Formerly LAC 67:VII.1905]

Spinal Cord Injury—an insult to the spinal cord, not of a degenerative or congenital nature but caused by an external physical force resulting in ~~paraparesis/plegia~~ paraplegia or ~~quadraparesis/plegia~~ quadriplegia.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 46:2631-2635 and R.S. 36:259(T).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Rehabilitation Services, LR 21:1253 (November 1995), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Aging and Adult Services, LR 40:84 (January 2014), amended by the Louisiana Department of Health, LR 42:

Family Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 1183 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the impact of this proposed Rule on the family has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have neutral impact on family formation, stability or autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

In compliance with Act 854 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the poverty impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973.

Provider Impact Statement

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 170 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the provider impact of this proposed Rule has been considered. It is

anticipated that this proposed Rule will have no impact on the staffing level requirements or qualifications required to provide the same level of service, no direct or indirect cost to the provider to provide the same level of service, and will have no impact on the provider's ability to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments to Melanie Richard, Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Aging and Adult Services, P.O. Box 2031 (Bin 14), Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or by email to Melanie.Richard@la.gov. Ms. Richard is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed Rule.

Public Hearing

A public hearing on this proposed Rule is scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 118, Bienville Building, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. At that time all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views or arguments either orally or in writing. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is 4:30 p.m. on the next business day following the public hearing.

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