

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing and
Office of Aging and Adult Services**

**Home and Community-Based Services Waivers
Community Choices Waiver
Electronic Visit Verification
(LAC 50:XXI.9305)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services adopt LAC 50:XXI.9305 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services, through collaborative efforts, provide enhanced long-term services and supports to individuals who are elderly or have a disability through the Community Choices Waiver program.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services propose to amend the provisions governing the Community Choices Waiver in order to adopt requirements which mandate that

providers of personal assistant services must utilize the electronic visit verification (EVV) system designated by the department for automated scheduling, time and attendance tracking, and billing for certain home and community-based services.

This action is being taken to promote the health and welfare of Community Choices Waiver participants by assuring that they receive the services they need and to ensure that these services are rendered in an efficient and cost-effective manner. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will reduce expenditures in the Community Choices Waiver Program by approximately \$719,473 for state fiscal year 2014-2015.

Effective April 1, 2015, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services amend the provisions governing the Community Choices Waiver to establish requirements for the use of an EVV system.

Title 50
PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Part XXI. Home and Community Based Services Waivers
Subpart 7. Community Choices Waiver

Chapter 93. Provider Responsibilities

§9305. Electronic Visit Verification

A. Effective for dates of service on or after April 1,

2015, Community Choices Waiver providers shall use the electronic visit verification (EVV) system designated by the department for automated scheduling, time and attendance tracking, and billing for certain home and community-based services.

B. Reimbursement shall only be made to providers with documented use of the EVV system. The services that require use of the EVV system will be published in the Community Choices Waiver provider manual.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing and the Office of Aging and Adult Services, LR 41:

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule may be contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), if it is determined that submission to CMS for review and approval is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments to J. Ruth Kennedy, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030 or by email to MedicaidPolicy@la.gov. Ms. Kennedy is responsible for responding to all inquiries regarding this Emergency Rule. A copy of this Emergency Rule is

available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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