

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**Department of Health and Hospitals  
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

**Managed Care for Physical and Basic Behavioral Health  
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation  
(LAC 50:I.3103)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends LAC 50:I.3103 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 amended the provisions governing managed care for physical and basic behavioral health in order to reflect the integration of specialized behavioral health services into Bayou Health as a result of the narrowing of the statewide management organization's scope of service administration for certain behavioral health services (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 41, Number 11). The department now proposes to amend the provisions governing managed care for physical and basic behavioral health to provide clarification regarding the inclusion of non-emergency medical transportation services.

This action is being taken to avoid a budget deficit in the medical assistance program and to promote the health and welfare of Medicaid recipients by ensuring continued access to non-emergency medical transportation services. It is estimated that implementation of this Emergency Rule will reduce expenditures in the Medicaid Program by approximately \$32,701 for state fiscal year 2015-2016.

Effective January 1, 2016, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends the provisions governing managed care for physical and basic behavioral health.

**Title 50**

**PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**Part I. Administration**

**Subpart 3. Managed Care for Physical and Basic Behavioral Health**

**Chapter 31. General Provisions**

**§3103. Recipient Participation**

A. - B. ...

1. Participation in an MCO for the following participants is mandatory for specialized behavioral health and non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) services (ambulance and non-ambulance) only, and is voluntary for physical health services:

B.1.a. - D. ...

E. Mandatory MCO Populations - Specialized Behavioral Health Services and Non-Emergency Ambulance Services Only

1. The following populations are mandatory enrollees in Bayou Health for specialized behavioral health services and non-emergency ambulance services only:

a. - b. ...

F. Mandatory MCO Populations - Specialized Behavioral Health and NEMT Services (Ambulance and Non-Ambulance) Only

F.1. - I. ...

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, LR 37:1573 (June 2011), amended LR 40:310 (February 2014), LR 40:1096 (June 2014), LR 40:2258 (November 2014), LR 41:929 (May 2015), LR 41:2363 (November 2015), LR 42:

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 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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Secretary