

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

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

**Medicaid Eligibility  
Louisiana Health Insurance Premium Payment Program  
(LAC 50:III.2311)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing rescinds the July 1, 2015 Emergency Rule governing the Louisiana Health Insurance Premium Payment Program. 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 adopted an Emergency Rule to terminate the Louisiana Health Insurance Premium Payment (LaHIPP) program on July 1, 2015 (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 41, Number 6).

The department has now determined that it is necessary to rescind the provisions of the July 1, 2015 Emergency Rule. Effective immediately, upon adoption of this Emergency Rule, the department shall return to the provisions in place governing LaHIPP located in LAC 50:III.2311. This action is being promulgated in order to promote the health and welfare of Medicaid recipients by ensuring that available employer-sponsored health insurance is the primary payor for certain Medicaid services.

Effective July 2, 2015, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing rescinds the Emergency Rule terminating the LaHIPP program which was published on page 1,067 of the June 20, 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

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