

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 repeals LAC 50:III.2311 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 repromulgated and clarified the provisions governing the Group Health Insurance Premium Payment Program for inclusion in the *Louisiana Administrative Code*, and changed the name of the program to the Louisiana Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (LaHIPP) (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 35, Number 6). The department now proposes to terminate the LaHIPP program and to enroll the program's participants into the comprehensive Managed Care for Physical and Basic Behavioral Health Program. Therefore, the department proposes to repeal the provisions of the June 20, 2009 Rule governing LaHIPP in order to terminate the program.

This Emergency Rule is being promulgated in order to promote the health and welfare of Medicaid recipients by ensuring access to comprehensive health care services. It is anticipated that this Emergency Rule will increase programmatic costs to the Medicaid Program by \$1,144,584 for state fiscal year 2015-2016.

Effective July 1, 2015, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing repeals the provisions governing the LaHIPP Program in order to terminate the program.

Title 50

PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Part III. Eligibility

Subpart 3. Eligibility Groups and Factors

Chapter 23. Eligibility Groups and Medicaid Programs

§2311. Louisiana Health Insurance Premium Payment Program

Repealed.

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Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 35:1111 (June 2009), repealed LR 41:

Implementation of the provisions of this Rule is contingent upon the approval of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, if it is

determined that submission to CMS for review and appeal 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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