

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

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

**Medicaid - Children Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to repeal the October 20, 1998 Rule governing the Medicaid eligibility of children receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 46:153 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This proposed Rule is in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing promulgated a Rule to adopt the provisions of Section 4913 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to establish a new mandatory eligibility group for eligible children whom on August 22, 1996 were receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) but who effective July 1, 1997, or later, lost SSI payment because of a disability determination under the rules enacted by the Personal Responsibility and Work opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193). Medicaid benefits for children whose eligibility was reinstated under this provision applied to

medical assistance furnished on or after July 1, 1997.

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The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing now proposes to repeal the October 20, 1998 Rule governing the provisions for Medicaid eligibility of children receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) since children born August 22, 1996 or prior would have reached age 18 by August 22, 2014 and are no longer eligible under this provision. Due to the provisions governing coverage of the Section 4913 children, there cannot be any new children to qualify for this coverage group as these children have aged out.

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 no impact on family functioning, stability and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

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.

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.

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 proposed Rule. A public hearing on this proposed Rule is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2015 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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Secretary