



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of the Secretary

March 5, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable John A. Alario, President, Louisiana Senate
The Honorable Chuck Kleckley, Speaker of the House
The Honorable David Heitmeir, Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
The Honorable Scott Simon, Chair, House Committee on Health and Welfare
The Honorable Jack Donahue, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable James R. "Jim" Fannin, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Kathy H. Kliebert
Secretary

RE: Oversight Report on Bureau of Health Services Financing Proposed Rulemaking

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) as amended, we are submitting the attached documents for the proposed Rule for Nursing Facilities – Per Diem Rate Reduction.

The Department published a Notice of Intent on this proposed Rule in the January 20, 2015 issue of the *Louisiana Register* (Volume 41, Number 1). A public hearing was held on February 26, 2015 at which only the Department of Health and Hospitals staff were present. No oral testimony was given, nor written correspondence received, regarding this proposed Rule.

The Department anticipates adopting the Notice of Intent as a final Rule in the April 20, 2015 issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

- The following documents are attached:
1. a copy of the Notice of Intent;
 2. the public hearing certification; and
 3. the public hearing attendance roster.

KHK/WJR/KAH

Attachments (3)

NOTICE OF INTENT

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

**Nursing Facilities
Per Diem Rate Reduction
(LAC 50:II.20005)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:II.20005 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities to reduce the per diem rates paid to non-state nursing facilities in order to remove the rebased amount and sunset the state fiscal year (SFY) 2012-13 nursing facility rate rebasing (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 39, Number 5).

For SFY 2013-14, state general funds were required to continue nursing facility rates at the rebased level. Because of the fiscal crisis facing the state, the state general funds were not available to sustain the increased rates. Consequently, the department promulgated an Emergency Rule which amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology

for nursing facilities to further reduce the reimbursement rates for non-state nursing facilities (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 39, Number 7). This proposed Rule is being promulgated to continue the provisions of the July 1, 2013 Emergency Rule.

Title 50

**PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Part II. Nursing Facilities
Subpart 5. Reimbursement**

Chapter 200. Reimbursement Methodology

§20005. Rate Determination [Formerly LAC 50:VII.1305]

A. - O. ...

P. Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2013, the per diem rate paid to non-state nursing facilities, excluding the provider fee, shall be reduced by \$18.90 of the rate in effect on June 30, 2013 until such time that the rate is rebased.

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, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 28:1791 (August 2002), amended LR 31:1596 (July 2005), LR 32:2263 (December 2006), LR 33:2203 (October 2007), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 36:325 (February 2010),

repromulgated LR 36:520 (March 2010), amended LR 36:1556 (July 2010), LR 36:1782 (August 2010), LR 36:2566 (November 2010), LR 37:092 (March 2011), LR 37:1174 (April 2011), LR 37:2631 (September 2011), LR 38:1241 (May 2012), LR 39:1286 (May 2013), LR 39:3097, (November 2013), LR 41:

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 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, but may increase the total direct and indirect cost of the provider to provide the same level of service due to the decrease in payments. The proposed

Rule may also have a negative impact on the provider's ability to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170 if the reduction in payments adversely impacts the provider's financial standing.

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 Thursday, February 26, 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.

Kathy H. Kliebert

Secretary



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

PUBLIC HEARING CERTIFICATION
February 26, 2015
9:30 a.m.

RE: Nursing Facilities
Per Diem Rate Reduction
Docket # 022615-01
Department of Health and Hospitals
State of Louisiana

CERTIFICATION

In accordance with LA R.S. 49:950 et seq., the attached public hearing agenda, together with one digital recording of the public hearing conducted February 26, 2015 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana constitute the official record of the above-referenced public hearing.

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Cedric Clark
Medicaid Policy and
Compliance Section

02/26/15
Date

DHH/BHSF PUBLIC HEARING

Topic - Nursing Facilities - Per Diem Rate Reduction

Date - February 26, 2015

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FROM: Kathy H. Kliebert
Secretary *Approved for*

RE: Oversight Report on Bureau of Health Services Financing Proposed Rulemaking

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) as amended, we are submitting the attached documents for the proposed Rule for Rehabilitation Clinics – Physical and Occupational Therapies – Reimbursement Rate Increase.

The Department published a Notice of Intent on this proposed Rule in the January 20, 2015 issue of the *Louisiana Register* (Volume 41, Number 1). A public hearing was held on February 26, 2015 at which only the Department of Health and Hospitals staff were present. No oral testimony was given, nor written correspondence received, regarding this proposed Rule.

The Department anticipates adopting the Notice of Intent as a final Rule in the April 20, 2015 issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

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

**Rehabilitation Clinics
Physical and Occupational Therapies
Reimbursement Rate Increase
(LAC 50:XI.301 and 303)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:XI.301 and §303 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This proposed Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing provides Medicaid reimbursement for physical, occupational and speech therapies provided in rehabilitation clinics to recipients under the age of 21.

Due to a budgetary shortfall in state fiscal year 2013, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing promulgated an Emergency Rule which amended the provisions governing rehabilitation clinics in order to terminate the coverage and Medicaid reimbursement of services rendered to recipients 21 years of age and older (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 39, Number 1).

In compliance with a court order from the *Melanie*

Chisholm, et al vs. Kathy Kliebert class action litigation, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing promulgated an Emergency Rule which amended the reimbursement methodology for rehabilitation clinics in order to increase the reimbursement rates for physical and occupational therapy services rendered to recipients under the age of 21 (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 40, Number 2). This proposed Rule is being promulgated to continue the provisions of the February 13, 2014 Emergency Rule.

Title 50
PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Part XI. Clinic Services
Subpart 1. Rehabilitation Clinics

Chapter 3. Reimbursement

§301. Reimbursement Methodology

A. The Medicaid Program provides reimbursement for physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy rendered in rehabilitation clinics to recipients under the age of 21.

B. ...

C. Effective for dates of service on or after February 13, 2014, reimbursement for physical and occupational therapy services shall be 85 percent of the 2013 Medicare published rate. There shall be no automatic

enhanced rate adjustment for physical and occupational therapy services.

D. Speech/language therapy services shall continue to be reimbursed at the flat fee in place as of February 13, 2014 and in accordance with the Medicaid published fee schedule for speech/language therapy services provided to recipients under the age of 21 in rehabilitation clinics.

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, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services financing, LR 30:1021 (May 2004), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 40:1533 (August 2014), LR 41:

§303. Reimbursement (Ages 0 up to 3)

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, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 30:1034 (May 2004), repealed by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:

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 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, and may reduce the total direct and indirect cost to the provider to provide the same level of service and enhance the provider's ability to provide the same level of service since this proposed Rule increases the payment to providers for the same services they already render.

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 Thursday, February 26, 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.

Kathy H. Kliebert

Secretary



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

PUBLIC HEARING CERTIFICATION
February 26, 2015
9:30 a.m.

RE: Rehabilitation Clinics
Occupational and Physical Therapies
Reimbursement Rate Increase
Docket # 022615-02
Department of Health and Hospitals
State of Louisiana

CERTIFICATION

In accordance with LA R.S. 49:950 et seq., the attached public hearing agenda, together with one digital recording of the public hearing conducted February 26, 2015 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana constitute the official record of the above-referenced public hearing.

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Cedric Clark
Medicaid Policy and
Compliance Section

02/26/15
Date

DHH/BHSF PUBLIC HEARING

Topic - Rehabilitation Clinics – Occupational and Physical Therapies – Reimbursement Rate Increase
Date - February 26, 2015

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

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Bobby Jindal
GOVERNOR



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FROM: Kathy H. Kliebert
Secretary

RE: Oversight Report on Bureau of Health Services Financing Proposed Rulemaking

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) as amended, we are submitting the attached documents for the proposed Rule for School Based Health Centers - Rehabilitation Services - Reimbursement Rate Increase.

The Department published a Notice of Intent on this proposed Rule in the January 20, 2015 issue of the *Louisiana Register* (Volume 41, Number 1). A public hearing was held on February 26, 2015 at which only Department of Health and Hospitals staff were present. No oral testimony or written comments were received regarding this proposed Rule.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

School Based Health Centers
Rehabilitation Services
Reimbursement Rate Increase
(LAC 50:XV.9141)

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:XV.9141 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This proposed Rule is promulgated 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 adopted provisions to allow for Medicaid coverage and reimbursement of mental health services provided to students by School Based Health Centers and to establish provisions for other Medicaid-covered services students already receive (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 34, Number 7).

In compliance with a court order from the *Melanie Chisholm, et al vs. Kathy Kliebert* class action litigation, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing promulgated an Emergency Rule which amended the provisions governing the reimbursement methodology for school based health centers in order to increase the reimbursement rates for

physical and occupational therapy services (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 40, Number 2). This proposed Rule is being promulgated to continue the provisions of the February 13, 2014 Emergency Rule.

Title 50

PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Part XV. Services for Special Populations

Subpart 5. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment

Chapter 91. School Based Health Centers

Subchapter E. Reimbursement

§9141. Reimbursement Methodology

A. - B.2. ...

C. Effective for dates of service on or after February 13, 2014, reimbursement for physical and occupational therapy services shall be 85 percent of the 2013 Medicare published rate.

D. Speech/language therapy services shall continue to be reimbursed at the flat fee in place as of February 13, 2014 and in accordance with the Medicaid published fee schedule for speech/language therapy services provided in school based health centers.

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, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 34:1420 (July 2008), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:

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 may have a positive impact on family functioning, stability or autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972 by increasing access to school based rehabilitation services.

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 may have a positive impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development as described in R.S. 49:973 by increasing access to school based rehabilitation services.

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, but may reduce the total direct and indirect cost to the provider to provide the same

level of service, and may enhance the provider's ability to provide the same level of service as described in HCR 170 since this proposed Rule increases payments to providers for the same services they already render.

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 Thursday, February 26, 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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State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

PUBLIC HEARING CERTIFICATION
February 26, 2015
9:30 a.m.

RE: School-Based Health Centers
Rehabilitation Services
Reimbursement Rate Increase
Docket # 022615-03
Department of Health and Hospitals
State of Louisiana

CERTIFICATION

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DHH/BHSF PUBLIC HEARING

Topic – School-Based Health Centers – Rehabilitation Services – Reimbursement Rate Reduction
Date – February 26, 2015

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FROM: Kathy H. Kliebert
Secretary

RE: Oversight Report on Bureau of Health Services Financing Proposed Rulemaking

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.) as amended, we are submitting the attached documents for the proposed Rule for State Children's Health Insurance Program – Coverage of Prenatal Care Services.

The Department published a Notice of Intent on this proposed Rule in the January 20, 2015 issue of the *Louisiana Register* (Volume 41, Number 2). A public hearing was held on February 26, 2015 at which only the Department of Health and Hospitals staff was present. No oral testimonies were given, nor written correspondence received, regarding this proposed Rule.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

State Children's Health Insurance Program
Coverage of Prenatal Care Services
(LAC 50:III.20301 and 20303)

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing proposes to amend LAC 50:III.20301 and 20303 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XXI of the Social Security Act. This proposed Rule is promulgated 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 which adopted provisions to expand coverage to children under Title XXI of the Social Security Act by implementing a stand-alone State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to provide coverage of prenatal care services to low-income, non-citizen women and to clarify the service limits and prior authorization criteria for SCHIP prenatal care services (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 35, Number 1).

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing promulgated an Emergency Rule which amended the provisions of the January 20, 2009 Rule in order to include Medicaid coverage for the unborn child(ren) of any pregnant woman with income between 138 percent and 214 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 40,

Number 1). The department subsequently promulgated an Emergency Rule which amended the December 31, 2013 Emergency Rule in order to clarify these provisions (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 40, Number 4). This proposed Rule is being promulgated to continue the provisions of the April 20, 2014 Emergency Rule.

Title 50
PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Part III. Eligibility
Subpart 11. State Children's Health Insurance Program

Chapter 203. Prenatal Care Services

§20301. General Provisions

A. ...

B. Effective December 31, 2013, coverage of SCHIP

prenatal care services shall be expanded to include any pregnant woman with income between 138 percent and 214 percent of the FPL.

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 35:72 (January 2009), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 41:

§20303. Eligibility Criteria

A. - B.1. ...

C. Recipients must have family income at or below 214 percent of the FPL.

D. - E. ...

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 35:72 (January 2009), amended by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, 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.

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 may have a positive impact on family functioning, stability and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972 by increasing recipient access to prenatal care services that will promote better health outcomes for babies.

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 may have a positive impact on child, individual, or family poverty in relation to individual or community asset development

as described in R.S. 49:973 by increasing access to prenatal care services which is expected to improve medical conditions and reduce health care costs to families.

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 Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 173, 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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PUBLIC HEARING CERTIFICATION
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Coverage of Prenatal Care Services
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