

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICES LISTED IN SECTION 1905(A) OF THE ACT THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM, UNDER THE PLAN ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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NURSE-MIDWIFE SERVICES

I. Method of Payment

The reimbursement rate shall be 80 percent of the rate on file on the professional services fee schedule for covered services and 100 percent of the rate on file for a designated group of procedures as determined by the Medicaid Program. State developed fee schedule rates are the same for both public and private providers of the service and the fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedule are published on the Louisiana Medicaid Provider website at [www.lamedicaid.com](http://www.lamedicaid.com).

II. Standards for Payment

Certified nurse-midwives are defined as professional nurses currently licensed in Louisiana and legally authorized to practice midwifery. Certified nurse-midwives must enroll as Medicaid provider in order to be reimbursed for their services. Certified nurse-midwives must obtain an individual Medicaid provider number.

Billing the agency for services rendered is the responsibility of the certified nurse-midwife.

If a physician is not called in, no physician may be paid. If a physician is called in, it will be the responsibility of the physician and the certified nurse-midwife to determine who bills the Agency for respective services rendered. In no case will the Medical Assistance Program pay twice for the same service.

All claims filed for reimbursement must identify the nurse-midwife as the attending provider if he/she is employed by or under contract with a Medicaid enrolled physician or physician group.

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Nurse midwives shall not bill separately for his/her services when he/she is employed by or under contract with a Medicaid enrolled provider whose reimbursement is based on cost reports that include the cost of their salary.

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