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### Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Notice of Public Hearing

Bulletin 141—Louisiana Student Standards for English  
Language Arts (LAC 28:CLXIX.Chapters 1-23)  
and

Bulletin 142—Louisiana Student Standards for Mathematics  
(LAC 28:CLXXI.Chapters 1-25)

On March 4, 2016, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved, as a Notice of Intent, the establishment of Bulletin 141, *Louisiana Student Standards for English Language Arts: Chapters 1-23*, as recommended by the Louisiana Student Standards Review Committee and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE). This Notice of Intent was published on pages 585-609 of the April 20, 2016, issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

On March 4, 2016, BESE also approved, as a Notice of Intent, the establishment of Bulletin 142, *Louisiana Student Standards for Mathematics: Chapters 1-25*, as recommended by the Louisiana Student Standards Review Committee and the LDE. This Notice of Intent was published on pages 609-629 of the April 20, 2016, issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

A request for a public hearing on these two Notices of Intent was received. In accordance with R.S. 49:953(A)(2)(a) and R.S. 49:953.A(2)(b)(i), BESE will hold a public hearing on May 27, 2016, at 9 a.m., in Room 1-100, the Louisiana Purchase Room, located in the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

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Executive Director

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

Behavioral Health Service Providers  
Licensing Standards

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing adopted provisions in order to establish licensing standards governing behavioral health service (BHS) providers to comply with the directives of Act 308 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature (*Louisiana Register*, Volume 41, Number 9).

Upon further consideration, the department has determined that mental health rehabilitation clinics require additional time to comply with the licensure requirements, and has extended the deadline for submission of the initial licensure application for these BHS provider types.

Therefore, any unlicensed agency that is a provider of psychosocial rehabilitation, crisis intervention, community

psychiatric support and treatment, and/or independent living/skills building services, and is required to be licensed as a BHS provider, has until December 31, 2016 to submit an initial licensing application packet to the department's Health Standards Section (HSS).

Any entity that meets the provisions above may continue to operate until the department acts upon the initial license application and any and all appeal processes associated with the initial licensure is complete or the delay for taking an appeal has expired, whichever is later. This extension does not apply to those applicants seeking to be licensed as substance abuse/addiction treatment facilities and mental health clinics.

Applicants are prohibited from providing behavioral health services to clients during the initial application process and prior to obtaining licensure, unless the applicant qualifies as a licensed mental health clinic, a licensed substance abuse/addiction treatment facility, or meets the above provisions for extension.

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Secretary

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### Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health Bureau of Family Health

Public Notice—Title V Maternal and Child Block Grant

The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) intends to apply for Title V Maternal and Child (MCH) Block Grant federal funding for FY 2016-2017 in accordance with Public Law 97-35 and the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. The Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health, and the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Programs are responsible for program administration of the grant.

The block grant application describes in detail the goals and planned activities of the Bureau of Family Health and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Programs for the next year. Program priorities are based on the results of a statewide needs assessment conducted in 2015, which is updated annually based on relevant data collection.

Interested persons may view a summary of the application at: <http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/935>.

Additional information may be gathered by contacting Gloria Grady at (504) 568-3525.

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