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**Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing**

**Public Hearing—Substantive Changes to Proposed Rule
Targeted Case Management
Reimbursement Methodology
Workforce Bonus Payments
(LAC 50:XV.10704)**

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing published a Notice of Intent in the September 20, 2022 edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR 48:2444-2445) to adopt LAC 50:XV.10704 as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Notice of Intent proposed to continue the provisions of the July 31, 2022 Emergency Rule which adopted provisions governing targeted case management services in order to establish workforce bonus payments for case managers along with audit procedures and sanctions. Upon further discussion with various stakeholders, the department has determined that revisions are necessary to the provisions governing the bonus payments approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Taken together, all of these revisions will closely align the proposed Rule with the department's original intent and the concerns brought forth during subsequent discussions with

stakeholders relative to the Notice of Intent as originally published.

Title 50

PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE Part XV. Services for Special Populations Subpart 7. Targeted Case Management

Chapter 101. General Provisions

§10704. Targeted Case Management Workforce Bonus Payments

A. Establishment of Targeted Case Management Workforce Bonus Payments

1. Case management agencies for the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) targeted population and for participants in the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) who provided services from April 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022 shall receive bonus payments of \$300 per month for the case manager that worked with participants for those months.

2. The case manager who provided services to participants from April 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022 must receive at least \$250 of this \$300 bonus payment paid to the agency. This bonus payment is effective for all affected case managers of any working status, whether full-time or part-time.

3. - 4. Repealed.

B. Audit Procedures for Targeted Case Management Workforce Bonus Payments

1. - 5.b. ...

C. Sanctions for Targeted Case Management Workforce Bonus Payments

1. The case management agency will be subject to sanctions or penalties for failure to comply with this Rule. The severity of such action will depend upon the following:

a. failure to pay case managers the \$250 monthly bonus payments;

b. the number of employees identified as having been paid less than the \$250 monthly bonus payments;

c. the persistent failure to pay the \$250 monthly bonus payments; or

d. ...

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, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 49:

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.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Tara A. LeBlanc, Bureau of Health Services Financing, P.O. Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. Ms. LeBlanc is responsible for

responding to inquiries regarding these substantive changes to the proposed Rule. A public hearing on the substantive changes to the proposed Rule is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2023 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., March 1, 2023.

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Secretary