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Economic Impact Statements for Proposed Rules

The corresponding proposed rule to each of the statements below may be viewed in its entirety in the February 20, 2024 *Louisiana Register*. Each *Louisiana Register* edition is published on the 20th of each month.

Promulgating Agency	Proposed Rule Title	Estimated Costs and/or Economic Benefits to Directly Affected Persons, Small Businesses or Nongovernmental Groups
Department of Agriculture and Forestry	Continuing Education	The proposed rule change has no impact on directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Board of Home Inspectors	Meetings, Continuing Education, and Ethics	The proposed rule change may have an economic impact on directly affected persons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. there may be a minimal cost of inspecting to determine whether the home contains a carbon monoxide detector; 2. to the extent live-streaming video decrease the costs of attending an in-person continuing education cost, licensed home inspectors may experience a minimal decrease in costs to meet the continuing education requirements; 3. continuing education providers may realize a decrease in costs and a potential increase in participants to the extent home inspectors choose to use this method; 4. home inspectors who are also licensed contractors may also realize a loss of revenue since they will no longer be able to perform work on the portions of residential structures that they reported as defective or deficient.
Office of Group Benefits	Schedule of Benefits and Prescription Drug Benefits	There will be no additional costs or economic benefits to the existing or future OGB health plan members of OGB or agencies participating in OGB programs as a result of the proposed amendments to LAC 32:III.107 – <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> , LAC 32:III.109 – <i>Prescription Drug Benefits</i> , LAC32:V.205 – <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> , LAC 32:V.207 – <i>Prescription Drug Benefits</i> , LAC 32:V.305 – <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> , LAC 32:V.307 – <i>Prescription Drug Benefits</i> , LAC 32:V.405 – <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> , LAC 32:V.505 – <i>Schedule of Benefits</i> , and LAC 32:V.507 – <i>Prescription Drug Benefits</i> .
Department of Health	Home and Community-Based Services Waivers—Community Choices Waiver	This proposed rule amends the provisions governing the Community Choices Waiver (CCW) to continue policy implemented during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency (PHE) which allowed additional individuals be personal assistance services workers and principal caregivers under the monitored in-home caregiving (MIHC) service, to allow MIHC participants to receive adult day health care services (ADHC); however, ADHC and MIHC cannot be received on the same day in order to avoid duplication of services. Financial management services is also being added as new service when participants choose the self-direction option in order to align the administrative rule with the waiver amendment approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This proposed rule will allow CCW participants to continue to receive services from workers/caregivers that they are comfortable with and to have access to an additional service while receiving MIHC services. Implementation of this proposed rule will benefit CCW providers and small businesses, since it is anticipated to increase Medicaid payments for these services by approximately \$291,498 for FY 23-24, \$321,086 for FY 24-25, and \$352,866 for FY 25-26. This proposed rule also permits more individuals to be PAS workers and MIHC caregivers and allows providers to provide ADHC services to participants that also receive MIHC services.

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Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers	Open Meetings via Electronic Means	The proposed rule has no anticipated costs/and or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Office of Workers' Compensation	Forms	The proposed rule change is not anticipated to result in a direct economic benefit to persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups. However, it is anticipated that the proposed rules will provide an indirect benefit to injured workers, employers, and insurers, by providing clearer understanding to parties in how to have their records request processed expeditiously.