

# DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

## Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing

Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons  
with Intellectual Disabilities  
Temporary Reimbursement for Private Facilities  
(LAC 50:VII.32904)

The Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing amends LAC 50:VII.32904 in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This Emergency Rule is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:962 and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Act or until adoption of the final Rule, whichever occurs first.

Effective January 30, 2025, this Emergency Rule will extend the temporary rates for intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) that have a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and have a high concentration of people who have intellectual developmental disabilities, significant behavioral health needs, and high risk behavior resulting in previous interface with the judicial system, and for whom no other private ICFs/IID provider is able to support.

This action is being taken to promote the health and welfare of Medicaid recipients by ensuring that eligible ICFs/IID are able to maintain the current level of service.

### **Title 50**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH—MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

#### **Part VII. Long Term Care**

#### **Subpart 3. Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities**

#### **Chapter 329. Reimbursement Methodology**

#### **Subchapter A. Non-State Facilities**

#### **§32904. Temporary Reimbursement for Private Facilities**

A. - A.4. ...

B. The temporary Medicaid reimbursement rate shall not extend beyond December 31, 2028.

C. - E.2.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 47:593 (May 2021), amended LR 48:2129 (August 2022), LR 49:688 (April 2023), LR 51:

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.

Kimberly Sullivan, JD, Bureau of Health Services Financing, is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this Emergency Rule. A copy of this Emergency Rule is available for review by interested parties at parish Medicaid offices.

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