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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 March 20, 2021 *Louisiana Register*. Each *Louisiana Register* edition is published on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

<b>Promulgating Agency</b>	<b>Proposed Rule Title</b>	<b>Estimated Costs and/or Economic Benefits to Directly Affected Persons, Small Businesses or Nongovernmental Groups</b>
<b>Board of Ethics</b>	<b>Third Party Ethics Training</b>	The proposed action may impact certain directly affected persons. The proposed rule changes allow certified ethics trainers to use virtual training. The estimated costs and/or economic benefits is indeterminable.
<b>Office of Student Financial Assistance</b>	<b>Scholarship/Grant Programs COVID-19 Exceptions; Dual Enrollment Calculus; Chafee Educational and Training Voucher Grade Reporting</b>	The proposed rulemaking will benefit students impacted by the COVID-19 health emergency by providing them TOPS funding to enable them to pursue postsecondary education and thus gain educational benefits and access to higher paying jobs.
<b>Office of Student Financial Assistance</b>	<b>Waivers of Certain TOPS Initial Eligibility for Students Affected by Natural Disasters in 2020</b>	Displaced students will be directly and positively affected by the proposed rule. The proposed rule will ensure students are not made ineligible for a TOPS, Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship or GO Youth Challenge award or endure an economic hardship due to repayment of a Rockefeller State Wildlife Grant or TOPS Teacher award due solely to the consequences of Hurricanes Laura/Delta, and now Hurricane Zeta. There are no estimated effects or economic benefits to small businesses or non-governmental groups resulting from these measures.
<b>Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners for the Port of New Orleans</b>	<b>River Port Pilots</b>	The proposed rule changes will not affect costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
<b>Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice</b>	<b>Peace Officer Training</b>	There is no impact to private citizens, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
<b>Department of Health</b>	<b>Medicaid Eligibility Twelve-Month Continuous Eligibility</b>	This proposed rule amends the provisions governing eligibility for the Medical Assistance Program to update the list of recipients under age 19 for whom twelve months of continuous eligibility is not available in order to align the exceptions in the administrative Rule with those currently used for Medicaid eligibility determinations. This proposed Rule revises the language in the Louisiana Administrative Code to identify the recipients who are currently ineligible for twelve months of continuous coverage under the Medicaid program, but does not change the reimbursement policy or payment methodology, nor does it change who is eligible for Medicaid coverage or the extent of that eligibility; therefore, it is anticipated that implementation will not result in costs or benefits to Medicaid providers or small businesses in FY 21-22, FY 22-23 and FY 23-24.

Promulgating Agency	Proposed Rule Title	Estimated Costs and/or Economic Benefits to Directly Affected Persons, Small Businesses or Nongovernmental Groups
Department of Health	School-Based Health Services	This proposed rule amends the provisions governing school-based health services in order to add language to the Louisiana Administrative Code detailing the requirements for cost settlement, filing and submitting cost reports, penalties for late submissions, required documentation and reimbursement, and describing the process for random moment time studies. This proposed Rule merges the settlement letters to the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) from multiple to a single letter. This is only communication with the LEA on the amount of their payment for all services. There is no impact to the LEAs. This proposed Rule also implements a non-refundable penalty for LEAs that fail to submit cost reports timely. It is anticipated that the implementation of this proposed Rule will not result in costs for FY 20-21, FY 21-22, and FY 22-23, but may result in decreased payments to LEAs that are assessed a penalty for submitting late cost reports.
Office of Public Health	Automated External Defibrillators	The proposed rule has no anticipated financial or economic impact on directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
Office of Public Health	Mandatory Tuberculosis (TB) Testing	Affected persons, small businesses, and non-governmental groups which own or operate medical facilities, nursing homes, or long-term acute care facilities will no longer be required to perform blanket testing or screening of all of their employees annually for TB disease or infection. These types of facilities will no longer have to pay for the current amount of testing and staff time devoted to currently comply with the existing LAC 51:II.503.C.; however, there will be a cost to produce and provide educational materials on an annual basis to employees. It is anticipated that, overall, there will be an indeterminate economic benefit as compared to the current annual testing requirement.
Department of Insurance	Regulation 109—Producer, Adjuster and Related Licenses	The proposed rule changes will have an impact on directly affected persons or non-governmental groups. The proposed rule changes update the renewal dates for insurance producer appointments. Insurance producer appointments shall expire on January 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year and business entity producer appointments shall continue to expire on August 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year. The Commissioner will issue an invoice at least 30 days prior to the appointment expiration date. Failure to timely pay the renewal fee invoice shall result in the expiration of the appointment.
Department of Insurance	Rule 14—Records Management; General	The proposed rule change will not result in any costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons or non-governmental groups. The rule revisions repeal Rule 14, which was originally implemented in 2003, as all agencies in Louisiana are regulated as it relates to records management by Revised Statutes Title 44 Chapter 5 (La. R.S. 44:401 and following).
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	Waterfowl Hunting Zones	The proposed rule change is not expected to impact the cost or benefits of any persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.