

# DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Health and Hospitals  
Office of the Secretary  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

## Medicaid Case Management Services for the Seriously Mentally Ill—Termination of Services

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing has adopted the following emergency rule in the Medical Assistance Program as authorized by R.S. 46:153 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act and as directed by the 1996-97 General Appropriation Act, which states: "The Secretary shall implement reductions in the Medicaid program as necessary to control expenditures to the level approved in this schedule. The Secretary is hereby directed to utilize various cost containment measures to accomplish these reductions, including but not limited to pre-certification, pre-admission screening, and utilization review, and other measures as allowed by federal law". This emergency rule is adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. and shall be in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act or until adoption of the rule, whichever occurs first.

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing has provided coverage and reimbursement under the Title XIX State Plan for optional targeted case management services for the seriously mentally ill. The bureau has now determined it is necessary to terminate this service for the seriously mentally ill due to insufficient funds. The following emergency rule has been adopted to terminate optional targeted case management services for the seriously mentally ill under the Medicaid Program.

This action is necessary to avoid a budget deficit in the medical assistance programs. It is anticipated that implementation of this emergency rule will save approximately \$5,194,116 for state fiscal year 1996-1997.

### **Emergency Rule**

Effective for dates of service July 1, 1996 and thereafter the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing terminates coverage and reimbursement of optional targeted case management services for the seriously mentally ill under the Medicaid Program.

Interested persons may submit written comments to: Thomas D. Collins, Bureau of Health Services Financing, Box 91030, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030. He is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this emergency rule.

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