

## RULE

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

Hospital Program—Inpatient Psychiatric Services



The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing has adopted the following rule as authorized by R.S. 46:153 and pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act and as directed by the 1995-96 General Appropriation Act, which states: "The Secretary shall implement reductions in the Medicaid program and 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 precertification, pre-admission screening, utilization review, and other measures as allowed by federal law." This rule is in accordance with the provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

### **Rule**

The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing, limits inpatient psychiatric services to a maximum of 30 days per calendar year per recipient. This limitation applies to Medicaid recipients who are under 21 years of age and 65 years of age and over and to inpatient psychiatric services provided other than in a distinct part psychiatric unit. Persons under 21 years of age may receive additional days if medically necessary. The fiscal intermediary shall continue to review each inpatient psychiatric admission to determine the recipient's eligibility for these services in accordance with the above as well as the previously established regulations for inpatient psychiatric services.

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