

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Department of Health and Hospitals Office of the Secretary

#### Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) intends to apply for Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant Federal Funding for FY 1996-97 in accordance with Public Law 97-35, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, and with federal regulations as set forth in the *Federal Register* Volume 47, Number 129, Tuesday, July 6, 1982, pages 29472-29493. DHH will continue to administer programs funded under the MCH Block Grant in accordance with provisions set forth in Public Law 97-35 and the federal regulations. The Office of Public Health is the office responsible for program administration of the grant.

The application is available for review at any regional OPH facility. It may also be obtained from the Office of the State Register, 1051 North Third, Baton Rouge, LA at a cost of \$19.75. Please reference document 9605#066.

A public hearing on the Block Grant is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. in the Department of Health and Hospitals Third Floor Conference Room A, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA.

At the public hearing all interested persons will have the opportunity to provide recommendations on the proposed Block Grant orally or in writing. Written comments will be accepted through July 10, 1996. Comments may be addressed to Eric Baumgartner, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Health, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA.

Bobby P. Jindal  
Secretary

#### FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)  
This block was implemented in FY 82. Neither an increase nor a decrease in implementation costs is expected, as DHH will continue to administer these programs in accordance with existing federal and state laws and regulations. No workload change is anticipated, as the same amounts and kinds of services are expected to be delivered.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)  
No effect on revenue collections is anticipated. Naturally, if the federal allotment to Louisiana for this block decreases, the state will be required to subsequently decrease the allotment to all programs covered under the block, but this is a factor beyond our control. The amount of the allocation for Louisiana for FY 96-97 is expected to be \$14,795,682 which is the same amount as FY 95-96.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)  
No direct effect is anticipated on patients, groups, units of local government or state agencies other than DHH.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)  
No effect is anticipated on competition and employment, as the same kinds and amounts of services are to be offered. Should the amount of federal funds eventually appropriated be at such a decreased level as to warrant reductions in staff, unemployment will result.

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