

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

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

Rehabilitation Clinic 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. This Emergency Rule is in accordance with the provisions of 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 Medicaid Program provides coverage and reimbursement for services delivered by rehabilitation clinics which are facilities that are not part of a hospital but are organized to provide a variety of outpatient rehabilitative services including physical, occupational, speech, hearing, and language therapies. The bureau adopted an Emergency Rule effective July 10, 1996 to reduce the reimbursement by 10 percent to these clinics for rehabilitation services. In accordance with an edict from the Legislative Health and Welfare Committee, the bureau has now determined that it is necessary to adopt the following Emergency Rule repealing the July 10, 1996 Emergency Rule which reduced the reimbursement to rehabilitation clinics by 10 percent.

Emergency Rule

Effective for dates of service of September 5, 1996 and thereafter, the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of the Secretary, Bureau of Health Services Financing repeals the July 10, 1996 Emergency Rule reducing the reimbursement to rehabilitation clinics by 10 percent which was published in the July 20, 1996 issue of the *Louisiana Register*, Volume 22, Number 7.

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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