

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Social Services
Office of Family Support

Individual and Family Grant Program
(LAC 67:III.4702 and 4703)

The Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, proposes to amend LAC 67:III Subpart 10, Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program.

Pursuant to changes at 44 CFR 206.131, a minimum damage threshold of \$201 has been established. Also, a Group Flood Insurance Policy (GFIP) has been established which will apply to those recipients who are mandated to purchase flood insurance as a condition of receiving an IFG award.

Title 67

SOCIAL SERVICES

Part III. Office of Family Support

Subpart 10. Individual and Family Grant Program

Chapter 47. Application, Eligibility, and Furnishing Assistance

Subchapter C. Need and Amount of Assistance

§4702. Flood Insurance

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D. A Group Flood Insurance Policy (GFIP), a policy covering all individuals named by a state as recipients of an IFG Program award for flood damage, has been established. The criteria for determining who is required to purchase flood insurance has not changed.

1. The amount of coverage provided by the GFIP will be equivalent to the IFG maximum grant and will cover both homeowners and renters.
2. The amount of coverage is adjusted annually according to the Consumer Price Index.
3. Implementation of the GFIP will be at the time of the disaster declaration and coverage will begin 60 days from the date of the disaster declaration.
4. Term of coverage will be 36 months from the inception date of the GFIP.
5. Coverage for IFG recipients will begin on the 30th day after the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) receives the premium payment from the state.
6. Premium is set at \$200 for each individual or family, but may be adjusted thereafter to reflect NFIP loss experience and any adjustment of benefits under the IFG Program.
7. Premium sent to the NFIP on behalf of the recipient is considered as part of the grant.
8. Homeowners must maintain flood insurance coverage on the residence at the flood-damaged property address for as long as the structure exists, even if ownership of the property changes.
9. Renters must maintain flood insurance coverage on the contents for as long as the renter resides at the flood-damaged property address.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with 44 CFR 206.131 and P.L. 93-288.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Eligibility Determinations, LR 15:444 (June 1989), LR 15:744 (September 1989), amended by the Office of Family Support, LR 17:474 (May 1991), LR 17:766 (August 1991), LR 17:888 (September 1991), LR 18:939 (September 1992), LR 18:1351 (December 1992), LR 19:167 (February 1993), LR 19:213 (February 1993), LR 19:606 (May 1993), LR 19:784 (June 1993), LR 20:449 (April 1994), LR 21:402 (April 1995), LR 22:

§4703. Minimum Damage Threshold

A minimum damage threshold of \$201 or more in real or personal property losses, resulting from any type of incident, must be met in order to be eligible for an IFG Program grant.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with 44 CFR 206.131.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, LR 22:

Interested persons may submit written comments within 30 days to: Vera W. Blakes, Assistant Secretary, Office of Family Support, Box 94065, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9065. She is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed rule.

A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held on October 29, 1996 at the Department of Social

Services, Second Floor Auditorium, 755 Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA beginning at 9 a.m. All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, at said hearing. Individuals with disabilities who require special services should contact the Bureau of Appeals at least seven working days in advance of the hearing. For assistance, telephone 504-342-4120 (Voice and TDD).

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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
RULE TITLE: Individual and Family Grant Program**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is a minimal cost to state government. The only cost associated with this rule is the charge for publishing this notice and final rule as the IFG Program incurs costs only in the event of a disaster declaration. There are no savings to the state. The rule has no economic impact on local governmental units.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There will be no effect on revenue collection of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There will be no cost or economic benefit to any nongovernmental groups. First time recipients in flood disasters will have the cost of GFIP included as part of their grant amount.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The rule will have no impact on competition or employment.

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